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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. DAVIS: Good morning. This is the
3 transcribed interview of Robert Goldstone.

4 On October 18, 2017, Chairman Grassley
5 sent Mr. Goldstone a letter, stating that the
6 Judiciary Committee was seeking information
7 related to a meeting held on June 9th, 2016, at
8 Trump Tower, as well as related matters. The
9 letter requested an interview and certain
10 categories of documents.

11 In response, Mr. Goldstone has, through
12 his counsel, agreed to this voluntary interview
13 and provided roughly 200 pages of documents.

14 Would the witness please state your name
15 for the record?

16 MR. GOLDSTONE: Robert Ian Goldstone.

17 MR. DAVIS: On behalf of the chairman, I
18 want to thank Mr. Goldstone for appearing here
19 today. My name is Patrick Davis, and I am the
20 deputy chief investigative counsel with the
21 committee's majority staff.

22 I will ask everyone else from the
23 committee who is here to introduce themselves as
24 well. We will get to Mr. Goldstone's counsel in
25 just a few moments.

1 MR. FOSTER: Jason Foster, chief
2 investigative counsel for Chairman Grassley.

3 MR. HOLMES: Lee Holmes, chief counsel to
4 Lindsey Graham.

5 MS. DUCK: Jennifer Duck, staff director for
6 Senator Feinstein.

7 MS. SAWYER: Heather Sawyer, general
8 counsel, Senator Feinstein.

9 MS. QUINT: Lara Quint with Senator
10 Whitehouse.

11 MS. CLAFLIN: Molly Claflin, counsel for
12 Senator Feinstein.

13 MR. PRIVOR: Brian Privor, senior counsel to
14 Senator Feinstein.

15 MR. DAVIS: The Federal Rules of Civil
16 Procedure do not apply to any of the committee's
17 investigative activities, including transcribed
18 interviews. There are some guidelines we follow,
19 and I will go over those now.

20 Our questioning will proceed in rounds.
21 The majority staff will ask questions first for 1
22 hour. Then the minority staff will have the
23 opportunity to ask questions for an equal amount
24 of time. We will go back and forth until there
25 are no more questions, and the interview is over.

1 We typically take a short break at the
2 end of each hour, but should you need to take a
3 break at any other time, please just let us know.
4 We can discuss taking a break for lunch whenever
5 you are ready to do that.

6 We have an official reporter taking down
7 everything we say to make a written record, so we
8 ask that you give verbal responses to all
9 questions.

10 Do you understand?

11 MR. GOLDSTONE: I do.

12 MR. DAVIS: So that the court reporter can
13 take down a clear record, we will do our best to
14 limit the number of people directing questions to
15 you during any given hour to those whose turn it
16 is. It is also important that we do not talk over
17 one another or interrupt each other, if we can
18 help it. That goes for everybody present at
19 today's interview.

20 While Senators on the committee may
21 observe, the chairman and ranking member have
22 agreed that only staff will ask questions. We
23 encourage witnesses who appear before the
24 committee to consult freely with counsel, if they
25 so choose.

1 You are appearing here today with
2 counsel. Counsel, please state your name for the
3 record.

4 MR. GAGE: Robert Gage.

5 MR. OZAROWSKI: Bernard Ozarowski.

6 MR. DAVIS: We want you to answer our
7 questions in the most complete and truthful manner
8 possible, so we will take our time. If you have
9 any questions or if you do not understand any of
10 our questions, please let us know.

11 If you honestly don't know the answer to
12 a question or don't remember, it's best not to
13 guess. Just give us your best recollection. It's
14 okay to tell us if you learned some information
15 from someone else, if you indicate how you came to
16 know that information. If there are things that
17 you don't know or can't remember, we ask that you
18 inform us to the best of your knowledge who might
19 be able to provide a more complete answer to the
20 question.

21 It is this committee's practice to honor
22 valid common-law privilege claims as an
23 accommodation to a witness or party when those
24 claims are made in good faith and accompanied by
25 sufficient explanation, so that the committee can

1 evaluate the claim. When deciding whether to
2 honor the privilege, the committee weighs its need
3 for the information against any legitimate basis
4 for withholding it. The committee typically does
5 not honor contractual confidentiality agreements.

6 You should understand that, although the
7 interview is not under oath, by law, you are
8 required to answer questions from Congress
9 truthfully.

10 Do you understand that?

11 MR. GOLDSTONE: I do.

12 MR. DAVIS: Specifically, 18 U.S.C. Section
13 1001 makes it a crime to make any materially
14 false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or
15 representation in the course of a congressional
16 investigation. That statute applies to your
17 statements in this interview.

18 Do you understand that?

19 MR. GOLDSTONE: I do.

20 MR. DAVIS: Witnesses who knowingly provide
21 false statements could be subject to criminal
22 prosecution and imprisonment for up to 5 years.

23 Do you understand this?

24 MR. GOLDSTONE: I do.

25 MR. DAVIS: Is there any reason you are

1 unable to provide truthful answers to today's
2 questions?

3 MR. GOLDSTONE: No.

4 MR. DAVIS: Finally, we ask that you not
5 speak about what we discuss in this interview with
6 anyone else outside of who is here in the room
7 today in order to preserve the integrity of our
8 investigation. We also ask that you not remove
9 any exhibits or other committee documents from the
10 interview.

11 Is there anything else that my colleagues
12 from the minority want to add?

13 MS. SAWYER: No, thank you, Patrick.

14 We just appreciate that you are here
15 today.

16 MR. DAVIS: The time is now 9:44. We will
17 get started with the first hour of questions.

18 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE MAJORITY
19 BY MR. DAVIS:

20 Q. Could you please state your full name
21 again for the record?

22 A. Robert Ian -- that's I-a-n -- Goldstone.

23 Q. Where did you reside in June of 2016?

24 A. In Hoboken, New Jersey.

25 Q. Where do you currently reside?

1 A. I -- well, my official address is still
2 in Hoboken, New Jersey, but I am residing in
3 Bangkok in Thailand.

4 Q. Where are you from originally?

5 A. Manchester, England.

6 Q. Are you a citizen of the United Kingdom?

7 A. I am.

8 Q. Are you a dual citizen of any other
9 country?

10 A. The United States.

11 Q. When did you become an American citizen?

12 A. Approximately 2005.

13 Q. What is your educational background?

14 A. I -- my -- I have junior and high school
15 education in England, and I left school to pursue
16 a career in journalism at the age of 16.

17 Q. Could you describe your professional
18 background?

19 A. I, as I mentioned, left school to pursue
20 a career in journalism. I was a trainee
21 journalist for some years, during which time, I
22 went to college to study journalism. I received a
23 diploma in practical journalism from Richmond
24 College in Sheffield in England.

25 I was a journalist on weekly and daily

1 newspapers in the United Kingdom for some years.
2 And then I transferred to Sydney, Australia, where
3 I worked for the Australian version of the
4 Associated Press for approximately 3 years.

5 After that, I switched professions to
6 become a publicist, first in Australia, and then,
7 through one of my clients, I was relocated to New
8 York and to live in the United States in 1991.
9 And I have resided there ever since.

10 And from 1997 until now, have owned and
11 operated my own small, independent, boutique
12 public relations, music management, and marketing
13 and events company. It is called Oui 2
14 Entertainment. The spelling of the "oui" is the
15 French, O-U-I.

16 Q. I would like to get some more information
17 about your work with Emin Agalarov. When did you
18 first meet him?

19 A. I met him in -- at the very end of 2011,
20 the beginning of 2012.

21 Q. What is the nature of your relationship
22 with him?

23 A. Initially, I was his music publicist in
24 the United States. Then after approximately 12 to
25 15 months, I was invited to be his international

1 music manager.

2 Q. So how long have you worked for him in
3 total?

4 A. I worked for him, I do not currently work
5 for him, I worked for him for approximately 4 and
6 a half years.

7 Q. And what did your professional
8 responsibilities in that capacity entail?

9 A. My initial responsibilities were purely
10 as his public relations representative, pitching
11 him for stories to media, coming up with press
12 plans, taking him to those media interviews,
13 working on a strategy to help break his musical
14 and entertainment career outside of his native
15 Russia.

16 Q. Did any of your other employees or
17 associates assist in your work for Emin?

18 A. They didn't assist directly, but my
19 cofounder, David Wilson, definitely took him to
20 some interviews, set up a couple music interviews
21 for him. He is the director of publicity. And
22 once I became Emin's international music manager,
23 David certainly helped facilitate and take him to
24 some of these interviews. But primarily, I was
25 the point of contact 24/7 for Emin.

1 Q. What is your understanding of Emin's ties
2 to the Russian Government, if any?

3 A. I have no idea.

4 Q. When did you first meet Aras Agalarov?

5 A. I believe it was in 2012. I was in
6 London with Emin, and we were due to fly to New
7 York, and we were due to take a commercial flight.
8 And at the last moment, he said to me, oh, I need
9 your passport. I need to send some details
10 because my father is flying from Moscow, and I
11 asked him to pick us up in London, and he will fly
12 us.

13 And it was on that occasion that I met
14 Aras on the plane.

15 Q. What is the nature of your relationship
16 with him?

17 A. I had a very cordial relationship with
18 him, based on the fact that I was his son's music
19 manager and responsible for his entertainment
20 career outside of Russia.

21 Q. Have you ever worked for Aras Agalarov?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Have you ever been paid by him?

24 A. No. To my knowledge, no. I mean, I
25 received a fee every month through Emin. I don't

1 know what the chain of command and how that was
2 paid. But no would be the simple answer.

3 Q. What is your understanding of Aras' ties
4 to the Russian Government, if any?

5 A. I don't know.

6 Q. Have you ever worked for the Crocus
7 Group?

8 A. Not directly.

9 Q. Could you describe your indirect work
10 with them?

11 A. Many of the events and things that I set
12 up or attended for Emin were hosted by Crocus,
13 took place at Crocus.

14 I was also, as I am sure you are aware,
15 involved with the Miss Universe contest in 2013,
16 which was not only hosted by Crocus Group but took
17 place within the Crocus confines.

18 Q. So have you ever received payments from
19 the Crocus Group?

20 A. Again, because I do not know the chain of
21 command in terms of my fee, I will say no.

22 Q. Have you ever worked for or on behalf of
23 the Russian Government?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Did you help arrange the June 9th, 2016,

1 meeting at Trump Tower as part of your role
2 working for Emin Agalarov or for some other
3 entity? In what capacity were you performing
4 those tasks?

5 A. In the capacity as Emin's U.S.-based
6 music manager.

7 Q. Offhand, the meeting does not appear to
8 have had any relevance to entertainment work for
9 Emin. Did you typically provide these types of
10 services, ones unrelated to the entertainment
11 industry, for him?

12 A. Emin had become my sole client, based on
13 the need and the irregularity of the hours and the
14 locations, so I decided to divest my other clients
15 to work with him.

16 As a result, I was often asked to do
17 things which don't necessarily fall under a very
18 strict entertainment guideline, and this was just
19 another of those requests, to me.

20 Q. I'll ask you to take a look at the
21 document Bates stamped RG 000061.

22 MR. DAVIS: This will be Exhibit 1.
23 [Goldstone Exhibit 1 was marked for
24 identification.]

25 BY MR. DAVIS:

1 Q. This is an email exchange between you and
2 Donald Trump Jr. that was provided by your
3 counsel. The first email chronologically is from
4 you to Trump Jr. at 10:36 a.m. on June 3rd, 2016.

5 In it, you write, "Emin just called and
6 asked me to contact you with something very
7 interesting."

8 To the best of your recollection, did
9 Emin call you on the morning of June 3rd, 2016,
10 prior to your email to Trump Jr.?

11 A. He did.

12 Q. Was that call the first you heard about
13 possibly setting up a meeting between Natalia
14 Veselnitskaya and Donald Trump Jr.?

15 A. It was.

16 Q. Can you please describe that call in as
17 much detail as you remember?

18 A. I received -- I received the call from
19 Emin that morning, and he asked me if I could
20 contact the Trumps with something interesting and
21 said that a well-connected Russian attorney had
22 met with his father that morning in his father's
23 office and had told him that they had some
24 interesting information that could potentially be
25 damaging regarding funding by Russians to the

1 Democrats and to its candidate, Hillary Clinton.

2 Q. Does the content of your email match the
3 content of that call, in your opinion?

4 A. If I can expand on the call, I said at
5 the time that I didn't quite understand what he
6 was asking and asked for more information. I
7 asked if he could tell me a bit more about the
8 attorney, as I felt I might be asked that. And he
9 said that the attorney was well-connected. I
10 asked again, connected, what does that mean? And
11 he said, well-connected.

12 I made a flip remark. I said, connected
13 like as into the power grid? Like connected to
14 what? And he said, connected.

15 I then moved on to ask about the content.
16 I said I believed I would be asked more about it
17 if I sent the email. Could they expand? And
18 could he expand? And Emin simply said that all he
19 knew was that there was some potentially damaging
20 information re: Hillary, which could be of
21 interest to the Trumps. The words he used were,
22 "the Trumps."

23 Q. Did you understand Emin's use of the word
24 "connected" in reference to Ms. Veselnitskaya to
25 refer to ties that she might have with Russian

1 intelligence or the Russian Government?

2 A. I didn't at that time.

3 Q. How did you interpret his statement?

4 A. I interpreted it as she -- I'm not sure I
5 even knew it was a she, just to be clear, at that
6 point. He kept referring to an attorney. But
7 that the attorney was well-connected.

8 It took me a few minutes after I had hung
9 up to decide that well-connected potentially could
10 only be connected, if you are talking about
11 politics, perhaps to the government.

12 Q. At the time of Emin's call, did you
13 believe setting up this meeting was a good idea?

14 A. I said, in the call at the end, that I
15 believed it was a bad idea and that we shouldn't
16 do it. And I gave the reason for that being that
17 I am a music publicist. Politics, I knew nothing
18 about. And I said, neither do you and neither
19 does your father. And the answer was simply, I'm
20 only asking you to get a meeting.

21 Q. Did Emin describe any reluctance to set
22 up the meeting during that call?

23 A. Not reluctance. Hesitance, perhaps, but
24 not reluctance.

25 Q. And what is the distinction between the

1 two, in your mind?

2 A. It was the fact that there was no
3 elaboration on any of the content or of who this
4 was. It was kind of, please, just set up the
5 meeting.

6 Q. Returning to the email, in it, you wrote,
7 "This is obviously very high-level and sensitive
8 information but is part of Russia and its
9 government's support for Mr. Trump helped along by
10 Aras and Emin."

11 What was the basis for your assertion
12 that the Russian Government supported Mr. Trump?

13 A. What I meant in that was that I had been,
14 at that time, probably 12 or 13 times to Russia,
15 including I had been in Russia with Mr. Trump
16 during the Miss Universe Organization pageant. I
17 had seen and heard firsthand people of all levels,
18 whether it was business people, whether it was
19 friends of Emin, friends of his father, talk in
20 very glowing terms about Mr. Trump.

21 I had also seen on television in Russia
22 many, many reports in which government officials,
23 including the President, Mr. Putin, had praised
24 Mr. Trump, who, in turn, I had seen on CNN had
25 praised Mr. Putin.

1 So what I was trying to say there was,
2 look, here, Emin may have this information. This
3 is yet another example of Russian support for you
4 and your father.

5 And that's why I put, "Helped along by
6 Aras and Emin." They don't work for or they're
7 not members of the Russian Government.

8 Q. So at the time you sent this email, did
9 you have any reason to believe that the Russian
10 Government was making efforts to interfere in the
11 U.S. 2016 presidential election?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Prior to this email, had you ever had
14 communications with Mr. Trump Jr. about Russian
15 Government support for his father?

16 A. I believe not.

17 Q. Had you ever had such communication with
18 anyone from the Trump Organization or campaign
19 prior to this?

20 A. I believe not.

21 Q. Your email also states, "What do you
22 think is the best way to handle this information?
23 And would you be able to speak to Emin about it
24 directly? I can also send this info to your
25 father via Rhona, but it is ultrasensitive, so

1 wanted to send to you first."

2 Were you referencing Rhona Graff, an
3 executive vice president at the Trump Organization
4 and assistant to Donald Trump Sr.?

5 A. I was.

6 Q. When you expressed this reluctance to
7 send this ultrasensitive information to Trump Sr.
8 via Ms. Graff, was that a reluctance to share the
9 information with Trump Sr. himself or a reluctance
10 to use Ms. Graff as an intermediary to share it?
11 Can you explain what you meant?

12 A. I can, indeed. I didn't know what to do
13 with this information. As I've said before, you
14 know, I'm a music publicist. That's my world.

15 And so when Emin said, contact the
16 Trumps, I wasn't sure if the right way to do it
17 would've been through Rhona Graff or through Don
18 Jr., and I made the call that he was the lesser
19 level, and that I would run this past him first,
20 rather than send it down a more official routing.

21 However, because of my concern that I had
22 pushed Emin on, that I didn't know what I was
23 really even talking about, because I had asked it
24 to be elaborated on, I was very specific in
25 saying, what do you think the best way -- would

1 you be able to speak to Emin about it directly?

2 My reason for putting that there was
3 partly selfish, that they would then speak about
4 it, and I would be no longer a part of it. And
5 also, it was to leave a little bit of an open
6 question, I think you should probably speak to
7 Emin about this.

8 Q. What was your understanding of the nature
9 of the documents and information being offered?
10 Did you have any understanding of where they had
11 originated or who created them?

12 A. I did not.

13 Q. And what about their nature, in general?
14 Did you understand what they were?

15 A. I did not.

16 Q. According to the email exchange, Mr.
17 Trump Jr. replied to you at 10:53 on June 3rd,
18 2016, stating, "Thanks, Rob. I appreciate that.
19 I am on the road at the moment, but perhaps I will
20 just speak to Emin first. It seems we have some
21 time. And if it is what you say, I love it,
22 especially later in the summer. Could we do a
23 call first thing next week when I am back?"

24 Do you know where Mr. Trump was at that
25 time?

1 A. I don't know where he was.

2 Q. I'd like you to take a look at a series
3 of emails, and then I will ask some questions.

4 MR. DAVIS: This is a batch Bates stamped
5 RG000062 through 64. These will collectively be
6 Exhibit 2.

7 [Goldstone Exhibit 2 was marked for
8 identification.]

9 BY MR. DAVIS:

10 Q. These are a series of emails between
11 you and Emin. On the Bates page 62, it appears
12 you emailed him at 6:09 p.m. on Friday, June 3rd,
13 2016, saying, "From Don Jr., he wants to speak
14 personally on the issue with you early next week."
15 To which Emin replied, "Great."

16 Page 63 appears to be an email from Emin
17 to you on Monday, June 6th, 2016, asking if there
18 was any news about a call with Trump Jr. And page
19 64 appears to be you telling Emin that there was
20 no update yet.

21 MR. DAVIS: Now please take a look at
22 another batch of emails. These are Bates stamped
23 RG000065 through 67. These will be Exhibit 3.

24 [Goldstone Exhibit 3 was marked for
25 identification.]

1 BY MR. DAVIS:

2 Q. These appear to be emails between you and
3 Mr. Trump Jr. on June 6th, 2016, in which you ask
4 him at 12:40 p.m. when he will be free to talk
5 with Emin by phone. He responds at 3:03 p.m.,
6 asking if they can speak then. You respond that
7 you will track down Emin in Moscow. And then you
8 get Mr. Trump Jr.'s number.

9 And then at 3:43 p.m., you email Trump
10 Jr. to say that Emin is on stage but should be off
11 in 20 minutes.

12 Between your initial email to Trump Jr.
13 on Friday, June 3rd, and the time you arranged a
14 call for Emin and Mr. Trump Jr. around 4 p.m. on
15 Monday, as reflected in these emails on Monday,
16 June 6th, did you communicate with Emin using
17 means other than email to discuss the attempt to
18 arrange the meeting or call with Trump Jr.?

19 A. I don't believe so. We often spoke quite
20 a lot by phone, but I don't believe we spoke about
21 this, no.

22 Q. How did you track down Emin in Moscow?

23 A. I called his band manager, who is a man
24 by the name of Pavel Klychko, K-L-Y-C-H-K-O.

25 Q. To the best of your knowledge, did Emin

1 and Trump Jr. actually speak by phone on Monday,
2 June 6th, 2016?

3 A. I don't know.

4 MR. DAVIS: Next, please take a look at the
5 email exchange Bates stamped RG000068. This will
6 be Exhibit 4.

7 [Goldstone Exhibit 4 was marked for
8 identification.]

9 BY MR. DAVIS:

10 Q. The first email in this chain
11 chronologically is from you to Trump Jr. at 4:20
12 p.m. on June 7th, 2016, the day after you were
13 trying to arrange the call between Emin and Trump
14 Jr.

15 And you wrote, in part, "Emin asked that
16 I schedule a meeting with you and the Russian
17 Government attorney who is flying over from Moscow
18 for this Thursday. I believe you are aware of the
19 meeting."

20 When did Emin ask you to schedule that
21 meeting?

22 A. I believe -- well, usually, I would email
23 any requests for Emin for anything within 10 to 15
24 minutes of hanging up a call. That's because Emin
25 was very short on patience. So I would imagine it

1 would've been at least within an hour of that.

2 Q. Okay. So was that conversation by phone,
3 to the best of your recollection?

4 A. To the best of my recollection, it would
5 have been.

6 Q. Can you describe that conversation in as
7 much detail as you remember?

8 A. I really don't recall it at all. The
9 only thing that I note here myself is that I put,
10 "I believe you are aware of the meeting." Now,
11 obviously, Don knew there was a meeting request,
12 because I had made it. The "aware" here implies
13 that you are aware of what the meeting is about.

14 Q. Trump Jr. responds, proposing a meeting
15 at 3 p.m. at his offices.

16 Taking a look at Bates number --
17 actually, I don't think we have that one. We will
18 get back to that later.

19 Did you ever send over the names of who
20 was going to attend the meeting to the Trump
21 Organization?

22 A. I'm not sure.

23 Q. Had you visited Trump Tower prior to that
24 meeting?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. On your previous visits, did you
2 typically have to submit names beforehand?

3 A. To Rhona.

4 Q. Between the time you sent your initial
5 10:36 a.m. email to Trump Jr. on June 3rd, 2016,
6 the one starting all this off, and the June 9th
7 meeting itself, did you communicate with anyone
8 else in the Trump Organization or the Trump
9 campaign besides Trump Jr.?

10 A. I believe not. I am hesitating because
11 there may have been an interaction about VK and
12 something, and I'm not sure the date of it,
13 because I don't have it in front of me. But about
14 this meeting, no.

15 Q. Between the time you sent your 10:36 a.m.
16 email on June 3rd, 2016, and the June 9th meeting
17 itself, did you communicate with Trump Jr. using
18 means other than email, such as phone calls,
19 texts, or messaging apps?

20 A. I believe not.

21 Q. Do the emails you provided account for
22 all of your communications with Trump Jr., the
23 Trump Organization, and the Trump campaign during
24 that period, June 3rd to June 9th, 2016?

25 A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.

1 Q. Do you know Roman Beniaminov?

2 A. I do.

3 Q. How long have you known him?

4 A. I've known him ever since I've worked for
5 Emin, so currently, over 5 years.

6 Q. What do you understand his business to
7 be?

8 A. I understand -- I've always known him to
9 be Emin's assistant, first in Moscow and then in -
10 - well, in the U.S., in New Jersey, he is based,
11 but in the U.S.

12 Q. What role, if any, did he play in
13 arranging the June 9th meeting?

14 A. He played no role in arranging it.

15 Q. Did you describe the proposed meeting to
16 him before it happened?

17 A. Probably.

18 Q. How did you describe its purpose to him
19 and who would be attending?

20 A. I don't recall.

21 Q. I'd like to turn now to your prior
22 interactions with the people you brought to the
23 meeting. Prior to arranging the June 9th meeting,
24 did you know Natalia Veselnitskaya?

25 A. I did not.

1 Q. When did you first have communication
2 with her?

3 A. I believe there was a communication that
4 I was either copied on or that was sent to me that
5 had an email address, that I have subsequently
6 learned was her email address, merely confirming
7 the time of it. So within a few days prior to the
8 meeting.

9 Q. To the best of your knowledge, is Ms.
10 Veselnitskaya an attorney for the Russian
11 Government?

12 A. I have no idea.

13 Q. Do you know if she ever has been?

14 A. I have no idea.

15 Q. When you first interacted with Ms.
16 Veselnitskaya, what did you understand her
17 business to be?

18 A. I've never interacted with her.

19 Q. Even at the meeting itself?

20 A. Well, I don't know how you define
21 interaction. I was introduced to her, and I said
22 hello.

23 Q. Okay. What is your understanding of Ms.
24 Veselnitskaya's relationship with Emin and Aras
25 Agalarov?

1 A. I don't know.

2 Q. Of her relationship with Prevezon
3 Holdings?

4 A. I have no idea.

5 Q. With Denis and Pyotr Katsyv?

6 A. No idea.

7 Q. And with Yuri Chaika?

8 A. No idea.

9 Q. Okay. Has Ms. Veselnitskaya ever paid
10 you for any services?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Prior to arranging the June 9th meeting,
13 did you know Anatoli Samochornov?

14 A. No.

15 Q. When did you first meet him?

16 A. Well, first of all, I have no idea who
17 that is.

18 Q. Okay. To the best of your recollection,
19 did Ms. Veselnitskaya bring a translator with her?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Had you met her translator prior to the
22 meeting?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Prior to arranging the June 9th meeting,
25 did you know Rinat Akhmetshin?

1 A. No.

2 Q. So when did you first meet him?

3 A. I met all of the group when I was
4 introduced to them in the lobby of Trump Tower by
5 Irakly Kaveladze, Ike Kaveladze.

6 Q. At the time you met Mr. Akhmetshin, what
7 did you understand his business to be?

8 A. I didn't.

9 Q. Did you have any reason to believe that
10 Mr. Akhmetshin has ties to the Russian Government?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Prior to the June 9th meeting, did you
13 know Ike Kaveladze?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. How long have you known him?

16 A. Again, since about the same time as I
17 started working for Emin.

18 Q. And what do you understand Mr.
19 Kaveladze's business to be?

20 A. I don't know.

21 Q. Do you know if he works for Emin or Aras
22 Agalarov?

23 A. Only in as much as I have worked with him
24 on a project for them, which was the Miss Universe
25 pageant, so yes.

1 Q. Do you know if he has been employed by
2 the Crocus Group?

3 A. I don't know the terms of who employs
4 him.

5 Q. Do you have any reason to believe Mr.
6 Kaveladze has ties to the Russian Government?

7 A. I don't know.

8 Q. Prior to the meeting on June 9th, 2016,
9 who did you tell about the meeting?

10 A. I mean, I would've probably told friends.
11 I certainly believe I would've talked it over
12 with Roman Beniaminov. He and I spent a lot of
13 time together. We did a lot of projects for Emin.
14 That would be the extent of it.

15 Q. Were you keeping the meeting secret?

16 A. Well, I checked in for it on Facebook, so
17 not really.

18 Q. Okay.

19 MR. DAVIS: I would like you to take a
20 look at an email Bates stamped RG000070. This
21 will be Exhibit 5.

22 [Goldstone Exhibit 5 was marked for
23 identification.]

24 BY MR. DAVIS:

25 Q. This is an email from you to Emin

1 Agalarov and two other email addresses. Can you
2 confirm the identities of the people behind those
3 two email addresses?

4 A. The [REDACTED] is definitely Irakly "Ike"
5 Kaveladze. The other one I had no idea, but I
6 have subsequently learned is actually Ms.
7 Veselnitskaya.

8 MR. DAVIS: And I would like you to take a
9 look at another email chain. This doesn't have
10 any Bates stamps. We will label it Exhibit 6.
11 [Goldstone Exhibit 6 was marked for
12 identification.]

13 BY MR. DAVIS:

14 Q. This is an email exchange between you and
15 Ms. Veselnitskaya. On June 9th, 2016, at 9:24
16 a.m., she emails you asking to bring Rinat
17 Akhmetshin to the meeting and also mentioning Mr.
18 Samochornov.

19 You replied at 9:55, writing, "I would
20 suggest you bring whoever you need in order to
21 make the meeting successful. Please bring them
22 with you and Ike for your meeting at 4 p.m.
23 today."

24 Did you inform Trump Jr. or anyone else
25 at the Trump Organization before the meeting that

1 these additional people would be attending?

2 A. I believe I did not.

3 Q. Okay.

4 MR. DAVIS: Now let's take a look at the
5 email exchange Bates stamped RG000077. This will
6 be Exhibit 7. This is actually 77 and 78.

7 [Goldstone Exhibit 7 was marked for
8 identification.]

9 BY MR. DAVIS:

10 Q. This is an email exchange between you and
11 Mr. Kaveladze. It appears that you agree to meet
12 at 3:30 p.m. before your 4 p.m. meeting on June
13 9th, 2016.

14 Is that correct?

15 A. As per the email, yes.

16 Q. On June 9th, 2016, did you meet with any
17 of the meeting attendees prior to the meeting
18 itself?

19 A. No, except in the lobby to meet.

20 Q. Can you walk us through your itinerary on
21 June 9th, 2016, prior to the meeting with Trump
22 Jr.?

23 A. I had a meeting set up at Sony Music with
24 Danny Strick, who is the president of Sony Music
25 publishing. Emin is published by Sony. And as it

1 was one block away from Trump Tower, I decided I
2 would do that first.

3 Then I met with, for coffee with -- we
4 represent the New York Friars Club, so I met with
5 my contact there, who handles communications, for
6 coffee in the plaza, Sony Plaza, which is at 55th
7 and Madison.

8 And that took me through about to 3 p.m.,
9 at which point I went to, yes, another place to
10 have coffee, which was Starbucks on the mezzanine
11 of Trump Tower. And that is where I waited for
12 these folks to arrive.

13 MR. DAVIS: Next, I would like you to look
14 at a Newsweek article titled, "Trump Jr.
15 Acquaintance Rob Goldstone Used Facebook to Place
16 Himself at Scene of Trump Tower Meeting With
17 Russian Lawyer." This will be Exhibit 8.

18 [Goldstone Exhibit 8 was marked for
19 identification.]

20 BY MR. DAVIS:

21 Q. The article states that, at 3:57 p.m. on
22 June 9th, 2016, you checked into Trump Tower on
23 Facebook, notifying your Facebook friends of your
24 location.

25 Is that accurate?

1 A. If that is what it says.

2 Q. I believe you said you do recall checking
3 in. Is that right?

4 A. Yes. I actually, if the meeting was at
5 4, and I went to have coffee, I would imagine I
6 was there a bit before. I just may not have
7 checked in until -- if it says 3:57.

8 Q. Why did you check in on Facebook?

9 A. Because any time I would check in at
10 Trump Tower, it would annoy 99.9 percent of my
11 friends.

12 Q. Does checking in on Facebook mean that
13 you did not view the meeting as something covert?

14 A. I didn't view the meeting as anything. I
15 just had to get these people through security and
16 my job was done.

17 Q. Okay.

18 MR. DAVIS: Before we move on to the meeting
19 itself, I would like you to look at another email
20 chain, which we will label Exhibit 9. This
21 document is Bates stamped DJTJR00893.

22 [Goldstone Exhibit 9 was marked for
23 identification.]

24 BY MR. DAVIS:

25 Q. This is an email chain between you and

1 Rhona Graff, Donald Trump's assistant, from July
2 2015. The first email chronologically is from you
3 to Ms. Graff on July 22nd, 2015, and states, in
4 part, "Emin has an email invite for Mr. Trump to
5 attend his father's 60th birthday in Moscow on
6 November 8th."

7 Ms. Graff responded back on July 24th,
8 2015, stating, in part, "I will certainly make Mr.
9 Trump aware of this invitation, and I know he will
10 be honored that Emin thought of him. However,
11 given his presidential campaign, it is highly
12 unlikely that he would have time on his calendar
13 to go to Moscow in November."

14 You replied on that same day, stating, in
15 part, "I totally understand re: Moscow, unless
16 maybe he would welcome meeting with President
17 Putin, which Emin would set up."

18 Why did you believe Emin could arrange a
19 meeting between Trump Sr. and Putin?

20 A. I believe that when you ask me questions
21 about the Miss Universe pageant and Mr. Trump's
22 visit, my answers would put this in context, so I
23 shall answer it without you having that context,
24 if that's okay.

25 During that trip, there was a lot of talk

1 about whether Mr. Trump would meet with Mr. Putin,
2 whether Mr. Putin would attend the pageant. It
3 was a very big deal both for Russia and for the
4 Miss Universe Organization.

5 It came down to the wire, and on the day
6 of the contest, we still didn't know whether there
7 would be a meeting or whether there would be a
8 call. It transpired, in the end, that there would
9 be neither, but that Mr. Putin's spokesman, Dmitry
10 Peskov, called through Aras to speak to Mr. Trump
11 and gave his apologies that, due to the tardiness
12 of the King of Holland, he was unable to schedule
13 a meeting for Mr. Trump. However -- and this was
14 conveyed by Emin, who was translating for the
15 room, in which I was present.

16 However, on his next visit, should he
17 ever be in the same place again, Mr. Putin would
18 do everything possible to accommodate a meeting.

19 In my mind, the next time he would be in
20 Moscow, if he was to come, which it was blatantly
21 obvious he wasn't, if he was to come, well, this
22 was the next time. So I was pretty sure that
23 somebody would follow up on that -- my point of
24 contact is always Emin -- would follow up and see
25 whether that meeting could finally happen.

1 Q. Other than this email chain and the
2 circumstances leading up to the June 9th, 2016,
3 meeting, were there any other instances in which
4 you sought to arrange meetings between Russian
5 Government officials and individuals associated
6 with the Trump Organization or Trump campaign?

7 A. No.

8 Q. I would like to turn now to the meeting
9 itself on June 9th, 2016. What was the process of
10 getting from the building entrance to the room
11 where the meeting was held?

12 A. They -- Mr. -- I was told that through --
13 by actually Roman Beniaminov that Mr. Kaveladze
14 would be bringing the people with him, and that I
15 would meet them there. And obviously, I had some
16 email exchange with Ike.

17 So I kept looking down to see them. They
18 actually were running late, and I believe Ike
19 called me a couple times to say they were running
20 late, which gave me a certain level of anxiety,
21 because this was a meeting I had asked for
22 specifically.

23 I saw them at the door. Then there was
24 very, very brief, hello, hello, and I was wanting
25 to get them up. We went to security. I believe

1 security asked for me, and because my name was on,
2 they didn't even bother with other people. We
3 were shown into an elevator. We then went up to,
4 I believe, it is the Trump board room. We were
5 asked to wait.

6 Don Jr. came out, came to me first,
7 because I was the only person, in fact, he knew
8 out of that group. He shook my hand, said it was
9 nice to see me. I introduced him to Ike and let
10 Ike do the introductions to the others, at which
11 point I said, I'm leaving, as I had always planned
12 to do. And Don looked at me and just said, well,
13 why don't you stay, because then you can take
14 these people out again at the end? And I agreed.

15 Q. During the meeting, did anyone state that
16 the Russian Government supported Donald Trump's
17 presidential campaign?

18 A. To the best of my knowledge, no.

19 Q. Did anyone state that the Russian
20 Government opposed Hillary Clinton's campaign?

21 A. To the best of my knowledge, no.

22 Q. Did anyone at the meeting offer to
23 release hacked emails to aid the Trump campaign?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Did anyone offer to manufacture and

1 distribute fake news to aid the Trump campaign?

2 A. Not that I heard, no.

3 Q. Did anyone offer to hack state voter
4 registration systems to obtain voter data to aid
5 the Trump campaign?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Was there any discussion of anything that
8 might reasonably be considered collusion between
9 the Trump campaign and the Russian Government?

10 A. I didn't pay a lot of attention, because
11 I was merely acting as an escort at this point. I
12 had brought them in, and I was to take them out.
13 I was checking emails. I was half-listening. And
14 to the best of my knowledge, no would be the
15 answer.

16 Q. Who also attended the June 9th meeting in
17 New York City at Trump Tower? Please list
18 everyone who was present for any portion of the
19 meeting itself, however brief, even if they did
20 not attend the entire meeting.

21 A. Myself; Irakly "Ike" Kaveladze; Ms.
22 Veselnitskaya; her translator, whose name
23 apparently I have somewhere; her colleague, Mr.
24 Akhmetov, I think his name is; Donald Trump Jr.;
25 Paul Manafort; and Jared Kushner.

1 MR. HOLMES: Akhmetshin?

2 MR. GOLDSTONE: Is that his name?

3 MR. HOLMES: Yes.

4 MR. GOLDSTONE: Thank you.

5 BY MR. DAVIS:

6 Q. Were all of the attendees introduced?

7 A. Yes, I believe so.

8 Q. How was Ms. Veselnitskaya introduced to
9 the group?

10 A. I believe that Don asked her to introduce
11 herself.

12 Q. Did she say what type of business she was
13 in or who she worked for?

14 A. She did not.

15 Q. Did she or any other attendee claim that
16 she was working for or speaking on behalf of the
17 Russian Government?

18 A. Not to my knowledge.

19 Q. Did it appear that anyone else in the
20 meeting from the Trump campaign had ever
21 previously interacted with Ms. Veselnitskaya?

22 A. It appeared not.

23 Q. How were you introduced?

24 A. To the best of my knowledge, Don said, I
25 know Rob. He is Emin's music manager.

1 Something like that.

2 Q. Did you or any other attendee claim that
3 you were working for or speaking on behalf of the
4 Russian Government?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Prior to the meeting, had you ever
7 interacted with Mr. Kushner or Mr. Manafort?

8 A. No.

9 Q. How was Mr. Kaveladze introduced?

10 A. I'm not sure.

11 Q. Do you recall if he said what type of
12 business he was in or who he worked for?

13 A. I don't recall.

14 Q. Did he or any other attendee claim that
15 he was working for or speaking on behalf of the
16 Russian Government?

17 A. I believe not.

18 Q. Did it appear that anyone else in the
19 meeting from the Trump campaign had ever
20 previously interacted with him? Did anyone seem
21 like they already knew him?

22 A. From the Trump campaign, you said?

23 Q. From the Trump campaign.

24 A. It appeared not.

25 Q. How was Rinat Akhmetshin introduced?

1 A. I don't know.

2 Q. And do you recall if he said what type of
3 business he was in or who he worked for?

4 A. I don't recall.

5 Q. And did he or any other attendee claim
6 that he was working for or speaking on behalf of
7 the Russian Government?

8 A. Not that I heard.

9 Q. Had you ever communicated with him prior
10 to that meeting?

11 A. Not to my knowledge.

12 Q. Did it appear that anyone else in the
13 meeting from the Trump campaign had ever
14 previously interacted with him?

15 A. It did not appear so.

16 Q. Did you have any reason to believe that
17 he and Mr. Manafort knew each other?

18 A. I had no reason to believe that.

19 Q. Do you recall if or how Ms.
20 Veselnitskaya's translator was introduced?

21 A. Other than as a translator, no.

22 Q. Moving beyond the introductions, can you
23 recount for us, in as much detail as you remember,
24 what happened at that meeting?

25 A. Sure. The meeting began, and Don Jr.

1 invited Ms. Veselnitskaya to present whatever it
2 was she wanted to talk about. I, again, half
3 listened, half didn't. I don't want to sound
4 glib, but didn't care. It was not my meeting. I
5 had done my part.

6 She talked about -- I heard her talk
7 about names Browder, Ziff, and funding to the DNC.
8 And I didn't know of Browder, know of Ziffs. I
9 had obviously heard of the DNC.

10 So it didn't -- I was waiting, if there
11 was some smoking gun, which is why I had been
12 asked to do this, and I thought if there was,
13 there would be a reaction from somebody around the
14 table. So I was really paying no attention until
15 maybe somebody reacted.

16 After a few minutes of this labored
17 presentation, Jared Kushner, who is sitting next
18 to me, appeared somewhat agitated by this and
19 said, I really have no idea what you're talking
20 about. Could you please focus a bit more and
21 maybe just start again?

22 And I recall that she began the
23 presentation exactly where she had begun it last
24 time, almost word for word, which seemed, by his
25 body language, to infuriate him even more.

1 And at this point, I was feeling sort of,
2 I've set up this meeting, what -- anyway.

3 She then continued. Again, I paid
4 virtually no attention to this.

5 And Don Jr. then said, I'm really not
6 following this, what you're saying.

7 At which point, she said, what I would
8 really like to speak about is the Magnitsky Act.

9 And I had never heard of the Magnitsky or
10 an act, and I thought, okay, maybe here's the
11 smoking gun or whatever it is that's coming. And
12 then the next thing I start hearing about adoption
13 and sanctions and the impact that that is having
14 on adoption and Americans. And that is when I
15 completely tuned out and was like we're having a
16 meeting about adoption. I don't get this.

17 And then from then on, for about the next
18 3 or 4 minutes, she talked about Magnitsky and how
19 unfair it was and how unfair sanctions were and
20 how, as a result, it was unfair that children who
21 would otherwise have the opportunity to be adopted
22 -- again, this adoption issue kept coming up. At
23 which point, she said to Don, so I hope that, you
24 know, you will look out for this.

25 And he stopped this in its tracks and

1 said, with respect, I suggest that you address
2 your -- what seemed very valid concerns but to the
3 Obama administration because they actually are in
4 power. My father is a private citizen and, as
5 such, it has no validity, of what you're saying.
6 Thank you very much for coming. I appreciate all
7 your time. You know, we have a very busy
8 schedule, and thank you.

9 And the meeting ended.

10 Q. To the best of your recollection, did she
11 or anyone else ask that Donald Trump Sr. take any
12 action regarding the Magnitsky Act, if elected?

13 A. I don't think she was as specific as "if
14 elected." The inference was there. It was more
15 about bringing it to his attention.

16 Q. Did anyone mention the Justice
17 Department's lawsuit against Prevezon Holdings?

18 A. Not that I heard.

19 Q. Did Ms. Veselnitskaya or any other
20 attendee offer anything to the Trump campaign?

21 A. Can you be specific what that means?

22 Q. Assistance in the election?

23 A. Not to my knowledge.

24 Q. So what, if anything, did anyone at the
25 meeting ask of the Trump campaign?

1 A. Well, to the best of my recollection, the
2 only person to speak, apart from the interruptions
3 from Jared and Don Jr., was, in fact, her. And
4 whilst it didn't sound to me like a demand, it was
5 certainly a request, which is that they could
6 potentially pay attention to this.

7 And as I said, that was shut down almost
8 immediately by him suggesting she speak with the
9 Obama administration about it.

10 Q. Other than what we have already
11 discussed, were any other topics discussed at the
12 meeting?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Did anyone mention Donald Trump Sr.'s
15 upcoming birthday?

16 A. At the meeting, not that I recall.

17 Q. Did anyone, at that time, mention the
18 Agalarovs sending Mr. Trump a present for his
19 birthday?

20 A. At that meeting, not that I recall.

21 Q. What role did Mr. Akhmetshin play during
22 the meeting, if any?

23 A. I didn't observe him playing any role at
24 all.

25 Q. What about Mr. Kaveladze?

1 A. The only time I saw him -- he played no
2 role in it. He played a role when I believe I may
3 have sent him a WhatsApp message or some sort of
4 message saying, this is embarrassing. And I
5 believe he kind of nodded at me.

6 But that's not a role within the meeting
7 officially.

8 Q. When Ms. Veselnitskaya spoke, was she
9 speaking through her translator?

10 A. I have thought about this long and hard,
11 and to the best of my knowledge, because it
12 appeared she was reading from something that had
13 been written, I believe she spoke in English.

14 Q. And did you play any role during the
15 meeting?

16 A. No.

17 MR. DAVIS: I would like you to take a look
18 at a few documents relating to V Kontakte, VK.
19 The first is the email Bates stamped RG000075 to
20 6. That will be Exhibit 9, I believe.

21 MR. HOLMES: Ten.

22 MR. DAVIS: Ten, sorry.

23 [Goldstone Exhibit 10 was marked for
24 identification.]

25 BY MR. DAVIS:

1 Q. This is an email from you to Trump Jr. on
2 June 8th, 2016. You wrote, "Hey, Don. While I
3 was in Moscow last week, I met with the head of
4 marketing for Russia's largest social media
5 network VK, Facebook, about Emin's projects, and
6 the subject of Russian-American voters in USA came
7 up. There are over 2.7 million registered
8 Russian-speaking voters in the USA and most have
9 VK social media accounts. The head of marketing,
10 who is a personal friend, is keen to set up a
11 Trump campaign vote page on VK, similar to the
12 mockup below, targeted at Russian and CIS voters
13 in the USA. I will bring a printout of this below
14 tomorrow."

15 Did you bring a printout of that mockup
16 to the meeting?

17 A. I don't believe I did.

18 MR. DAVIS: Now I would like you to take a
19 look at another email chain, Bates number
20 DJTJR000454 to 456, which will be Exhibit 11.
21 [Goldstone Exhibit 11 was marked for
22 identification.]

23 BY MR. DAVIS:

24 Q. This is an email from you to Dan Scavino,
25 copying Donald Trump Jr., Rhona Graff, and

1 Konstantin Sidorkov. It was sent on June 29th,
2 2016.

3 It states, in part, "Dan, I am following
4 up an email a while back, something I had
5 mentioned to Don and Paul Manafort during a
6 meeting recently. There are believed to be around
7 2 million Russian-American voters living in the
8 USA, and more than 1.6 million of these use the
9 Russian Facebook site V Kontakte, VK, as their
10 preferred social media outlet. As I mentioned to
11 you guys, through Emin and my contact at VK, they
12 want to create a vote Trump 2016 promotion aimed
13 directly at these users, people who will be voting
14 in November. At the time, Paul had said he would
15 welcome it, and so I had the VK folks mock up a
16 basic sample page, which I am resending for your
17 approval now."

18 Did you discuss this VK proposal during
19 the June 9th, 2016, meeting?

20 A. Technically, not during the meeting. On
21 the way out, Don Jr. kind of thanked me. And I
22 said to him, I'm sorry. I'm really embarrassed by
23 this meeting. I don't know what that was about.

24 Paul Manafort was in front of us. And I
25 said, oh, by the way, I don't know if anyone saw,

1 but I'm friends with the marketing guy at VK in
2 Russia, and they want to create a voting
3 registration page or information page for Mr.
4 Trump. Who should they send this to? I'm told
5 Dan Scavino.

6 And I believe Paul Manafort said, yes,
7 great, that's the right person.

8 That was the extent of it. So wasn't in
9 the meeting, but it was in the room where the
10 meeting was on our way out of the meeting.

11 Q. Is it correct that Mr. Manafort said he
12 would welcome it?

13 A. He went, great, that's the correct
14 person, which I took to mean -- he didn't say, no,
15 it's an awful idea.

16 Q. To the best of your knowledge, did any of
17 the other attendees overhear your conversation?

18 A. To the best of my knowledge, no. I think
19 they were already out through the glass doors.

20 Q. Why did you pitch VK to the Trump
21 campaign? Were you offered any payment by them,
22 if you could get the Trump campaign to create an
23 official VK page?

24 A. So I don't know VK as such, but a friend
25 of mine, who I met at the Miss Universe press

1 conference, who at the time worked for NRJ Radio
2 and had been a big supporter of Emin, had moved
3 into this job as marketing and music partnerships
4 for VK. Obviously, I managed someone who was a
5 musician within that world, so we became really
6 good friends.

7 And when he saw that I had done Miss
8 Universe, as time went on, he asked me whether it
9 would be possible to find out who he should pitch
10 his little idea to. Hence, I think I sent a first
11 email asking who it was. He then emailed them,
12 and it appeared that nobody had really acted on
13 it. He asked me again. I asked again.

14 And I think this was maybe the third ask
15 as to whether I could help. I was really doing it
16 for a friend.

17 MR. DAVIS: Let's take a look at an email
18 exchange Bates stamped RG000003 to 7. This will
19 be Exhibit 12.

20 [Goldstone Exhibit 12 was marked for
21 identification.]

22 BY MR. DAVIS:

23 Q. Pages 4 and 5 are an email from
24 Konstantin Sidorkov to you on January 18th, 2016.

25 Is Mr. Sidorkov the friend you were

1 referencing?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Looking at page 3, it appears you
4 forwarded Mr. Sidorkov's email to Rhona Graff and
5 Donald Trump Jr. on January 19th, 2016, to pass
6 along Mr. Sidorkov's invitation for Trump Sr. to
7 set up an official page on VK. And she then
8 copied Dan Scavino, who she says was heading up
9 social media for the campaigns.

10 Page 6 is an email from Mr. Scavino
11 telling you to send whatever you had on this.

12 And page 7 is an email from Mr. Sidorkov
13 to Mr. Scavino, Ms. Graff, and Trump Jr., sending
14 them more info on VK.

15 To the best of your knowledge, did anyone
16 from the Trump campaign, in response to this
17 attempt in January 2016, take any action to
18 establish an official VK page?

19 A. To the best of my knowledge, they did
20 not.

21 Q. Both your January and June emails
22 referenced meetings with VK personnel in Moscow.
23 Did those meetings occur?

24 A. The only person I ever met connected with
25 VK was Konstantin Sidorkov.

1 Q. Do you have any reason to believe anyone
2 at VK was acting on behalf of the Russian
3 Government, as opposed to usual business
4 interests?

5 A. I have no reason to believe that.

6 Q. So we have already looked at the January
7 and June VK pitches.

8 MR. DAVIS: Now let's look at RG000143 to
9 144. That would be Exhibit 13.

10 [Goldstone Exhibit 13 was marked for
11 identification.]

12 BY MR. DAVIS:

13 Q. This appears to be an email sent on
14 November 5th, 2016, as a follow-up email to the
15 June VK email. In this follow-up email, Mr.
16 Sidorkov again emails you, Mr. Scavino, Trump Jr.,
17 and Rhona Graff, requesting Trump Sr. set up an
18 official VK page.

19 So you pitched VK to the campaign in
20 January, June, and November of 2016.

21 To the best of your knowledge, at any
22 point, did the campaign ever accept your pitch and
23 establish an official VK page?

24 A. To the best of my knowledge, no.

25 Q. Okay, returning to the June 9th, 2016,

1 meeting now, was Mr. Kushner present for the
2 entire meeting?

3 A. To the best of my knowledge, he was. He
4 may have entered a minute or so after we all
5 entered, but I believe he was. And the reason for
6 that is because of the seating. They worked out
7 who should sit where, and I sat next to Mr.
8 Kushner. There was only he and I sat at this side
9 of the table.

10 Q. What did Mr. Manafort do during the
11 meeting?

12 A. He -- I remember this specifically. He
13 did not look up from checking his phone from the
14 moment we began until the moment we ended.

15 Q. Did he ask any questions --

16 A. No.

17 Q. -- or make any comments?

18 A. None.

19 Q. And was he present for the entire
20 meeting?

21 A. He was.

22 Q. Beyond the comments you've already
23 described, what did Mr. Trump Jr. do during the
24 meeting, if anything?

25 A. Nothing beyond the comments I've

1 described.

2 Q. Did you take any notes at the meeting?

3 A. I did not.

4 Q. Did anyone else, as far as you could
5 tell?

6 A. As far as I could tell, nobody did.

7 Q. Did any of the attendees bring any
8 documents to the meeting?

9 A. I believe, as I mentioned, Ms.
10 Veselnitskaya was reading from something that
11 looked like it was either bullet points or notes
12 or something, because she was glancing down at it.
13 I didn't see anybody else with anything.

14 Q. Do you know if she left that document at
15 the end of the meeting?

16 A. I have no idea.

17 Q. To the best of your knowledge, what time
18 did the meeting begin and when did it end?

19 A. As I say, we were running slightly late,
20 so the meeting would've begun somewhere around
21 4:10, 4:15, and would've been over, at the most,
22 within 20 minutes.

23 Q. And how was the meeting concluded?

24 A. As I said, by Don cutting off Ms.
25 Veselnitskaya and saying these concerns should be

1 addressed to the Obama administration. And with
2 that, thank you very much for your attendance,
3 everybody.

4 And the inference was that they were very
5 busy, and we should leave.

6 Q. Other than the meeting attendees, did you
7 speak with anyone else from the Trump Organization
8 on June 9th, 2016?

9 A. I believe not.

10 MR. DAVIS: Please take a look at this email
11 exchange Bates stamped RG000082. This will be
12 Exhibit 14.

13 [Goldstone Exhibit 14 was marked for
14 identification.]

15 BY MR. DAVIS:

16 Q. This is an email exchange between you and
17 Rhona Graff sent on June 10th, 2016, the day after
18 the Trump Tower meeting.

19 You wrote, in part, "I have a delivery
20 question. Emin and Aras have a fairly sizable
21 birthday gift for Mr. Trump, and I would like to
22 know exactly how and where we should deliver it to
23 on Tuesday. I ran into Keith yesterday, and he
24 mentioned everything now has to go to your TSA-
25 style scanning and security at Trump Tower."

1 Is the Keith you referenced in this email
2 Keith Schiller?

3 A. It is.

4 Q. And he was Mr. Trump Sr.'s bodyguard. Is
5 that correct?

6 A. As I understood, or head of security or
7 something like that.

8 Q. Did Mr. Schiller attend the meeting on
9 June 9th?

10 A. He didn't. I ran into him by Starbucks.

11 Q. Okay. What did you discuss with him
12 there?

13 A. Haven't seen you since Moscow. Hope
14 everything is good. You must be busy. That kind
15 of thing.

16 And I asked, if there was -- if we had
17 anything that had to be delivered, how did it now
18 work? Did we have to send things as normal to
19 Rhona, like messages or letters or anything,
20 because there had been some congratulatory
21 letters, I think, in the past, or how?

22 And he just said, you know, everything
23 now, it's like an airport-style TSA down there.

24 Q. And I assume not, but was Trump Sr. with
25 him at the time?

1 A. No. I assume he was buying coffee or tea
2 or something.

3 Q. After the meeting with Trump Jr., what
4 did you do with the rest of that day?

5 A. I got in an Uber and went home to New
6 Jersey.

7 Q. Did you discuss the meeting with any of
8 the other attendees on that day?

9 A. No. They were grouped in the lobby.
10 They were going, I believe, to also grab coffee or
11 do something. I think I was invited, too, and I
12 said, no, no, I have a car here. I'm leaving.
13 Goodbye.

14 Q. Did you report back to Emin or Aras about
15 the meeting?

16 A. Emin immediately.

17 Q. And how did you describe it to him?

18 A. I said, this was the most embarrassing
19 thing you've ever asked me to do. I've just sat
20 in a meeting about adoption.

21 Q. Did you speak with him by phone or some
22 other --

23 A. Phone.

24 Q. Okay. And what was his reaction?

25 A. Adoption? And I said, you should

1 probably speak to Ike.

2 Q. Did you mention the meeting to anyone
3 else between the time it occurred and when the
4 media and lawyers began asking about it in the
5 spring and summer of 2017?

6 A. I think I told anyone who would listen
7 that I had been in some hideous meeting that was
8 really embarrassing. I didn't necessarily go into
9 the details of what it was. But I -- it would be
10 fair to say that I'm sure I talked about it with
11 friends at dinner, as it's something that I had a
12 horrible experience setting up a meeting, yes.

13 MR. FOSTER: Specifically a meeting at Trump
14 Tower with --

15 MR. GOLDSTONE: Yeah, probably specifically
16 a meeting at Trump Tower, yes.

17 MR. DAVIS: I think we are at a good
18 stopping point, so we will go off the record now.

19 [Recess 10:42 a.m. to 10:59 a.m.]

20 MR. PRIVOR: Let's go back on the record.
21 It is 10:59.

22 EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE MINORITY
23 BY MR. PRIVOR:

24 Q. Mr. Goldstone, thank you for coming in
25 today. I am going to be retracing some of the

1 steps that Mr. Davis already went over, so I
2 apologize in advance.

3 A. No problem.

4 Q. Some of it will sound repetitive. I'm
5 really just trying to follow up and fill in some
6 gaps where I had some other questions.

7 First, I just want to start with your
8 background. Mr. Davis had asked you where you
9 live. And I wondered, have you ever lived in
10 Russia?

11 A. Lived in Russia? No, never.

12 Q. Okay. And do you have any other ties to
13 Russia, other than doing work for the Agalarovs?

14 A. Well, I believe that my great-grandmother
15 was from Minsk.

16 Q. In the present day, have you had any
17 other business in Russia?

18 A. No.

19 Q. And you had mentioned that your present
20 work from 1997 to the present is Oui 2
21 Entertainment, but you no longer work for Emin
22 Agalarov. Is that right?

23 A. That is right.

24 Q. When did you stop working for him?

25 A. Approximately -- well, not approximately.

1 December 30th of 2016.

2 Q. What occasioned your no longer working
3 for him?

4 A. The main reason was that, for some time,
5 I wanted to take a gap year to write a book
6 called, "Never Mind the Gap," to see if a 50-
7 something-year-old could reenact what students do
8 in terms of taking a gap year, and go and live
9 somewhere exotic and be like a barista, and go to
10 trekking in Nepal, and how different it would be
11 when you are in your 50s and when you are at
12 university.

13 And I decided that the timing was right,
14 before I got even older than I am now, I should
15 probably do it. And so I let Emin know in October
16 of 2016 that I planned to do that.

17 It also coincided with him having hired a
18 new head of A&R, which is artist and repertoire,
19 in the U.K., who was also a manager. And I
20 believed that I was leaving him in good hands,
21 that this guy would ultimately, which he did, take
22 over as manager.

23 Q. So what other than pursuing this gap year
24 project, was there any other reason that you
25 decided to stop working for Mr. Agalarov?

1 A. There was also a financial component,
2 that because he had hired this new person, our fee
3 was probably going to be reduced. We hadn't
4 talked about specifics, but once that was
5 suggested, I said, you know, we don't need to do
6 any of that because I've wanted to do this gap
7 year anyway, so it's a perfect time for me to take
8 a year off.

9 Q. And were there any other reasons?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Was your departure from working for Mr.
12 Agalarov in any way related to this June 9th
13 meeting?

14 A. It was not.

15 Q. Or any fallout from the meeting?

16 A. It was not.

17 Q. How has your relationship with Mr.
18 Agalarov been since that June 9th meeting? Has it
19 remained the same? Has it soured at all?

20 A. You know, a few months after I left in
21 March of 2017, I met with him in London. He was
22 there. I was there. We had breakfast at the
23 Dorchester Hotel. And he said, I want to take a
24 picture. And he posted immediately, Rob and I are
25 back in business together. And he goes, look,

1 you've made your point. Don't go and do this gap
2 year.

3 And I actually said to him, you need to
4 take that down, and he wouldn't. And I said fine,
5 and I sent an email to him and everybody connected
6 with it just to say, by the way, despite him being
7 a bit funny and clever, we're not still working
8 together. I'm still pursuing my year.

9 Since then, I saw him in May when he
10 toured in the U.S., and I had dinner with him.
11 And again, he said, you know, please come back. I
12 know you're going to leave in June and go and live
13 in Asia for 6 months. I didn't come back to work for Emin.

14 And we had very, very nice -- you know,
15 Emin and I had a wonderful relationship, a
16 wonderful working relationship. He's a great guy.
17 He's fun to work with. And since then, since
18 this has all broken, I've had a couple of emails,
19 the most recent on my birthday, about 10 days ago,
20 in which he said, I wish you well, and I miss our
21 great times together.

22 Q. It sounds like you have a decent or a
23 positive relationship, but my question was, has
24 your relationship soured at all? Has your
25 relationship diminished in any way with him since

1 the June 9th meeting?

2 A. It hadn't until news of this broke, which
3 is in July of this year. When I sent a couple of
4 messages, WhatsApp messages, that simply said, you
5 know, I believe that this -- I think the words I
6 used was this dumb meeting, which your father
7 insisted on, has really damaged my reputation and
8 my ability to do business, both of which it has.

9 Q. Okay. And in what way has your
10 relationship diminished with him?

11 A. I don't know that I would want to work in
12 the same capacity for him in the future. And at
13 the time I left, there was an open-ended that I
14 possibly would come back after that. And part of
15 that, if not all of that, would be due to the
16 position I believe I was put in.

17 Q. And you mentioned -- we are going to
18 spend some more time on the public release of the
19 statements related to the June 9th meeting, but
20 you had mentioned you making statements about the
21 June 9th meeting. Was Emin in any way angry with
22 you or upset, based on statements you had made?

23 A. No, and to this day has never made any
24 angry statements about it or criticism of what I
25 have said.

1 Q. You also referenced communications via
2 WhatsApp, and I think this morning you also
3 mentioned some exchange you had during the June
4 9th meeting to Ike Kaveladze via WhatsApp. The
5 document production that you gave to us, does that
6 include documents from WhatsApp?

7 A. There are documents from WhatsApp.
8 Unfortunately, you know, I don't have the
9 communication from Ike from that meeting. I
10 couldn't find it. And I -- I will now make myself
11 look completely stupid. I don't know any other
12 way other than what we've done, we've done a
13 thorough search, of being able to provide that.
14 I'm not terribly technical.

15 Q. Fair enough. So just so we're clear,
16 your search for records to produce in response to
17 Senator Grassley's letter included a search of
18 WhatsApp?

19 A. It did, yes.

20 Q. And did you search all of your social
21 media platforms that you use?

22 A. I did.

23 Q. Okay. Very well. We've talked a bit
24 about the work that you have done, mostly as a
25 publicist and artist management. Have you ever

1 done any lobbying work yourself?

2 A. I have not.

3 Q. Have you ever done any work on behalf of
4 the Russian Government?

5 A. I have not.

6 Q. Have you done any work related to U.S.
7 sanctions?

8 A. I have not.

9 Q. Have you done any work related to the
10 Magnitsky Act?

11 A. I have not.

12 Q. We discussed -- with Mr. Davis this
13 morning, you discussed your relationship with both
14 of the Agalarovs, and you stated that you didn't
15 know of their relationship with the Russian
16 Government. Do I have that right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. I'm curious, particularly with respect to
19 Aras Agalarov. You've also testified that, during
20 the Miss Universe pageant, you were trying to
21 arrange a meeting with President Putin.

22 A. I wasn't trying to arrange, but it was
23 being -- there was an effort to try to arrange it.

24 Q. Who was arranging? Who made that effort?

25 A. Aras.

1 Q. Okay. And you also mentioned that Mr.
2 Peskov, his spokesperson, had reached out to Aras.
3 Is that right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. And so you knew that at the time
6 in 2013?

7 A. Yes, because I was in the room at the
8 time the call was made -- myself, Emin, Mr. Trump,
9 probably Keith Schiller because he seemed to be
10 with Mr. Trump all the time, Aras.

11 Q. And so based on that, do you have a view
12 on whether or not Mr. Agalarov has a relationship
13 with the Russian Government?

14 A. No, not really.

15 Q. You don't know what his relationship is?

16 A. I don't know what his relationship is.

17 Q. But do you know that he does have some
18 relationship?

19 A. I don't.

20 Q. Well, sufficient enough for Mr. Peskov to
21 call him on his personal phone?

22 A. Sufficient enough for that.

23 Q. And sufficient to arrange a meeting with
24 the President, President Putin?

25 A. It was, in context, the meeting was being

1 requested because a very well-known VIP and co-
2 owner of the pageant, which was being staged in
3 the Russian capital, was there, who was high-
4 profile enough for a request to be made. It was
5 on that basis that I understood that the request
6 would be made.

7 Q. Other than that 2013 effort to arrange a
8 meeting between President Trump, then just a
9 private citizen, and President Putin, we've seen a
10 document this morning that Mr. Davis showed you
11 where you had offered another opportunity, if Mr.
12 Trump traveled to Moscow for Aras' 60th birthday,
13 perhaps you could reach out to Emin, and Emin
14 could arrange a meeting with Mr. Putin.

15 Other than those two instances, 2013 and
16 then the 60th birthday event, if it occurred, do
17 you know of any other times when the Agalarovs had
18 made any offers to arrange a meeting between
19 President Putin and now-President Trump?

20 A. I don't know of any other time.

21 Q. Do you know of any other instances in
22 which anyone else has made an effort to arrange a
23 meeting between President Putin and President
24 Trump?

25 A. I don't.

1 Q. You were recounting your relationship
2 with Emin Agalarov. When is the last time that
3 you spoke to him?

4 A. Just for me, would you clarify, does
5 spoke include -- do you mean physically spoke?

6 Q. I'm sorry. I should've -- when is the
7 last time you communicated with him, whether it be
8 by telephone or some other messaging?

9 A. [REDACTED] of this year was my
10 birthday. He sent me a WhatsApp message for my
11 birthday, which I believe we have produced. And I
12 responded. He asked -- he said he hoped I was
13 doing well, and I responded thanking him for the
14 message, saying I was doing as well as I could
15 under the circumstances.

16 Q. And what are those circumstances?

17 A. The fact that I have been at the center
18 of a media blitz, apart from anything else, since
19 July 9th or 10th.

20 Q. Did Mr. Agalarov respond to you, when you
21 made that remark about your circumstances?

22 A. He did. He said he hoped that soon the
23 clouds would pass and there would be sunshine.

24 Q. And has there been any further
25 communication with him since he made that remark?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Did Mr. Agalarov know that you were
3 coming in to speak to this committee?

4 A. Not that I know of.

5 Q. Have you spoken to any other
6 congressional committees?

7 MR. GAGE: Well, do you really want to -- I
8 don't have a problem with that. I don't know what
9 the ground rules are for Congress. If that's a
10 question that you all ask, I don't have any
11 problem with Rob answering.

12 MR. PRIVOR: Go ahead.

13 MR. GAGE: So that is traditional? That is
14 a question you ask.

15 MR. PRIVOR: I don't know if it is
16 traditional. I'm just curious. Have you spoken
17 to others?

18 MR. GAGE: I don't want to breach protocol,
19 because when I first reached out to -- and I am
20 glad to have him answer. Don't misunderstand me.
21 But the protocol was there wasn't a lot of
22 communication between committees. If I am wrong,
23 if that is a question that others have been asked,
24 if there is no problem with protocol, I have no
25 problem with him answering.

1 MS. SAWYER: I'm not aware of any problem
2 with protocol in asking that question as to who he
3 may have testified before.

4 MR. GAGE: Fine. You understand why I
5 wanted to check. I just wanted to be fair to
6 everybody.

7 MS. SAWYER: Sure. Absolutely.

8 MR. FOSTER: I will say, we had spoken -- we
9 have asked that question of other witnesses.

10 MR. GAGE: Certainly not trying -- go ahead.

11 MR. GOLDSTONE: Yesterday, I met with the
12 Senate Intelligence Committee.

13 BY MR. PRIVOR:

14 Q. And any others besides that one?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did you tell Emin Agalarov that you had
17 spoken to another congressional committee?

18 A. I did not.

19 Q. Have you discussed your testimony here
20 today with anyone other than your lawyers?

21 A. I have not.

22 MS. SAWYER: Can I ask a quick question
23 about the WhatsApp?

24 BY MS. SAWYER

25 Q. You said you had searched and you

1 couldn't find the WhatsApp message that you
2 believe you sent to Mr. Kaveladze during the
3 meeting. Did you find other WhatsApp messages
4 with Mr. Kaveladze at all?

5 A. Yes, there is one small chain that I did
6 find, yes.

7 Q. Okay. So you know that you did use
8 WhatsApp and you had messages. You just don't
9 have that message?

10 A. No, I only have one small series of
11 messages. I don't know for sure that I used
12 WhatsApp, but most of the time I do. So that
13 leads me to believe that is what I used.

14 BY MR. PRIVOR:

15 Q. You had mentioned Roman Beniaminov
16 earlier this morning. You stated that you
17 probably discussed this meeting with him and
18 possibly others. What do you remember from your
19 conversation with Mr. Beniaminov?

20 A. I was angry when I came out of the
21 meeting, so Roman was a good venting post for me
22 on many things. And we lived very -- in the same
23 district. We often saw each other for coffee.

24 And, for sure, I would've said, you know,
25 I was pissed. I thought I was organizing one

1 meeting. I didn't think I was staying. Here I am
2 having to stay. All of that.

3 I don't know the detail of it, but I am
4 sure I would've spoken to him about it.

5 Q. Okay, that's after the June 9th meeting.
6 How about before the June 9th meeting? Did you
7 also speak to Mr. Beniaminov?

8 A. I'm sure I would've done, yes.

9 Q. Do you recall what your conversation with
10 him was?

11 A. I do not.

12 Q. Do you recall whether or not Mr.
13 Beniaminov had expressed any concern about the
14 meeting that you were working to arrange?

15 A. I don't believe he expressed concern, no.

16 Q. Not to you.

17 A. Not to me.

18 Q. Did you speak with anyone else about the
19 June 9th meeting before it occurred?

20 A. Most likely would've told my business
21 partner, David Wilson.

22 Q. Do you recall any of your conversation
23 with Mr. Wilson?

24 A. I don't.

25 Q. Anyone else other than Mr. Wilson?

1 A. Not that I can recall.

2 Q. Okay, so the only two people you can
3 recall are Mr. Wilson and Mr. Beniaminov?

4 A. I possibly would've spoken to Mr.
5 Kaveladze about it, because of the logistics of it
6 all.

7 Q. And other than logistics, can you recall
8 any other conversation with him about the content
9 or the substance of the meeting before it
10 occurred?

11 A. I can't recall, no.

12 Q. You obviously spoke to Emin Agalarov, is
13 that right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. And did you communicate with him
16 by telephone or was it just --

17 A. Telephone usually.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. A mixture of telephone and WhatsApp,
20 depending on what it was.

21 Q. And Mr. Agalarov, Emin Agalarov, he gave
22 you some instruction on what the meeting would be
23 about. Is that right?

24 A. Yes, he did.

25 Q. And he mentioned the well-connected

1 attorney.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Which you interpreted as someone who has
4 some sort of political connection?

5 A. I interpreted it as that, yes.

6 Q. Did you ever ask him specifically who
7 this attorney was?

8 A. Yes, many times. On that call, I kept
9 pushing -- not many times, maybe three times.

10 The reason for that wasn't because I
11 wanted to know. The reason is I believed I would
12 be asked if I sent such an email. Well, who is
13 it? What is it? That was my reason for it.

14 Q. Other than that call, did you ever follow
15 up to ask who this person was?

16 A. I don't believe so.

17 Q. And how about after the June 9th meeting?

18 Did you ever have a further conversation with
19 Emin about who the lawyer was? Maybe this time he
20 would tell you who she was.

21 A. I don't believe I did, no, except the one
22 where I said I'm really embarrassed and mad about
23 it. But that wasn't about who she was. It was
24 about I believe I sat in some weird meeting about
25 adoption.

1 Q. In the call that preceded the June 9th
2 meeting with Emin, you stated that Emin described
3 having damaging information concerning Hillary.

4 A. The lawyer having damaging, not Emin.

5 Q. I'm sorry. I misstated that. The lawyer
6 would have damaging information. And you reacted
7 by saying that you thought it was a bad idea and
8 that you don't know anything about politics.

9 A. I reacted, initially, in asking him to
10 elaborate, again, because I said I was sure I was
11 going to be asked. And he said it doesn't matter.
12 You just need to get the meeting.

13 And then I said I think this is a really
14 bad idea.

15 Q. Why did you think it was a bad idea?

16 A. Because it's political. I'm a music
17 manager. He's a musician and a businessman. And
18 we'd never talked politics about anything. And
19 why would he want to get involved in this? It was
20 just my gut reaction to this request.

21 Q. I want to explore the bad idea a little
22 bit, so pardon me if it sounds like I'm being
23 repetitive.

24 But did you perceive it as a bad idea for
25 you or for Mr. Agalarov or for both?

1 A. I believed -- I perceived it as you get
2 very few, in my opinion, requests and favors of
3 people at the level of a Donald Trump even in his
4 private life, and obviously he was running in the
5 political world. And you should use those
6 sparingly.

7 So from a very selfish perspective, on
8 their behalf, I wanted to be sure that it was
9 worth using up one of these favors, and that it
10 was worth it. And because no one appeared -- like
11 Emin couldn't appear to tell me in any more detail
12 what it was about, I believed it might've been a
13 bad idea and a waste of a big favor to ask for a
14 meeting at a very busy time.

15 Q. What understanding, if any, do you have
16 as to the reason that Emin wanted to arrange this
17 meeting to provide a link to a lawyer who may have
18 damaging information on Hillary Clinton?

19 A. Only one, which is that -- how he opened
20 the message, which was that the lawyer had met
21 with his father that morning who had asked that we
22 set up a meeting with the Trumps. So the
23 implication to me was that it was his father that
24 had asked him.

25 Q. And do you have any understanding of why

1 his father was so interested in acting as a
2 conduit to provide information concerning Hillary
3 Clinton?

4 A. I don't.

5 Q. And do you understand what Aras'
6 relationship is with Mr. Trump?

7 A. Inasmuch as, technically, I am the person
8 that introduced them the first time, his
9 relationship was a very cordial business
10 relationship of somebody who co-owned a pageant,
11 as in Mr. Trump, and somebody who helped
12 facilitate it being held in Moscow, as in Mr.
13 Agalarov.

14 Q. Had you ever heard Aras Agalarov express
15 any support for Donald Trump running for President
16 --

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. -- before this time?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And other than arranging or asking you to
21 arrange this meeting via Emin, had he ever made
22 any other efforts that you are aware of to help
23 Donald Trump with regard to his election efforts?

24 A. Yes. And I believe we submitted this.
25 He sent him, via me, via a letter to Rhona, via

1 via Roman, Roman Beniaminov, who delivered it, a
2 copy of a book that he had written on economics
3 and a note to Mr. Trump, in which he said he hoped
4 he would read it, and it would give him great
5 insight into possibly a way to run a country
6 economically.

7 Q. And other than providing that book and
8 trying to arrange this meeting, were there any
9 other efforts that you are aware of where he was
10 seeking to assist Donald Trump --

11 A. No.

12 Q. -- in his election?

13 A. No, there were not.

14 Q. How about Emin, were there any other
15 efforts or other offers of assistance from Emin,
16 other than the June 9th meeting?

17 A. Efforts and assistance, no.

18 Q. Were there ever any offers of assistance?

19 A. No. There were -- there were no offers
20 of assistance at all.

21 Q. When Mr. Davis was having you look at the
22 email that set up the meeting, the June 9th
23 meeting, which I believe -- it's Exhibit 1. Do
24 you have Exhibit 1 in front of you?

25 A. It's just not marked, but yes. Oh, it is

1 marked.

2 Q. Mr. Davis had asked you about Russia and
3 its government's support for Mr. Trump, and you
4 had described how you had been to Russia 12 or 13
5 times, and people were generally glowing about Mr.
6 Trump on television.

7 A. And in person.

8 Q. And in person. Other than what you had
9 watched on television and what you had observed of
10 just people about Russia, were there any other
11 bases for which you thought there was Russian
12 Government support for Mr. Trump?

13 A. Only that -- this would come at a time
14 when Mr. Trump was in Russia. I had seen the
15 interaction of business leaders who had met with
16 him at a dinner, a cocktail party that had been
17 arranged, and it was a lovefest. And really, that
18 is what I was trying to convey, was that, hey,
19 look, this is yet another example of Russians
20 loving your dad type of thing, led by Emin and
21 Aras, who love your dad.

22 Q. But in your email to Donald Trump Jr.,
23 you refer not to just generally Russians. You
24 specified government support. What made you think
25 there was government support for Mr. Trump?

1 A. Probably -- oh, what made me think of it
2 was that I had seen Mr. Trump praise President
3 Putin on TV. I had seen President Putin praise
4 Mr. Trump. And to me, that is the government, and
5 that is the government mouthing its support for
6 the candidate.

7 So it was part of my effort to schmooze -
8 - it's only word I know how to use, and I'm happy
9 to translate it -- with Don Jr. to get this
10 meeting.

11 Q. Do you speak Russian?

12 A. I speak a few words. I can curse the
13 traffic. I can say, "Hello, how are you? It's a
14 nice day," because I spent 5 years there.

15 Q. Do you understand Russian when it is
16 spoken to you?

17 A. I can understand the most simple -- if
18 someone understands that I really don't, yes. But
19 I couldn't -- I couldn't sit in a meeting and
20 understand what was going on, no.

21 Q. If you were to watch Russian television,
22 would you be able to follow what is being said?

23 A. No, but I would understand certain words.

24 Q. I see. Keeping with Exhibit 1 and your
25 email to Donald Trump Jr., we had talked about the

1 official documents and information. Had you ever
2 seen any official documents or information?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Did Emin ever provide anything to you in
5 advance of the meeting?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Did you do anything to prepare for the
8 meeting in advance? For instance, did you review
9 any materials in advance?

10 A. I did not.

11 Q. You also described the information that
12 you were providing as very high-level and
13 sensitive. What gave you the impression that it
14 was high-level and sensitive?

15 A. The fact that I had been told that it was
16 potentially damaging information about the DNC and
17 Hillary Clinton. I mean, it was my judgment call
18 on the words, but to me, that is highly sensitive
19 and confidential. I mean, it appeared so to me,
20 even having no idea what it was.

21 Q. And the damaging information, is that a
22 phrase that Emin had used?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And did you ask what he meant by damaging
25 information?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What did he say?

3 A. It doesn't matter. All you have to do is
4 get a meeting. Ike will coordinate. You don't
5 even have to attend, which I also write somewhere
6 in one of these emails. You just have to get the
7 meeting.

8 Q. Did it give you pause that you were being
9 asked to arrange a meeting to provide damaging
10 information about a U.S. presidential candidate?

11 A. It didn't only give me pause, the
12 thought, I specifically write, which I don't
13 usually do in emails to people, you know, what do
14 you think is the best way to handle this? And
15 would you be able to speak to Emin about it
16 directly?

17 That is my way of saying to Don that is
18 what you should do.

19 Q. Mr. Davis had asked you about the
20 meeting, whether you treated the meeting as covert
21 or made any effort to hide it, and you said no,
22 because you even posted about attending on
23 Facebook.

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. But it sounds like you nevertheless felt

1 that the information that would be conveyed during
2 the meeting was somehow sensitive and not
3 something to be shared with the public. Do I have
4 that right?

5 A. You do.

6 Q. And so how do you square those two things
7 together? Did you think that the meeting was
8 secret?

9 A. I didn't think that the meeting was
10 secret.

11 Q. Did you think the content of the meeting
12 was somehow secret?

13 A. Not secret.

14 Q. Was the content of the meeting, as you
15 expected it before it occurred, was the content
16 something that you shared with anyone else?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Why not?

19 A. Because other than -- first of all, I
20 didn't have content. That was my whole thing. I
21 had been asking and pushing if it could be
22 elaborated on. What I had was basically basic,
23 very basic information to set up a meeting, so it
24 wasn't that I had information to say to somebody,
25 oh, hey, look, there are these documents. I

1 didn't have anything. Even if I had wanted to, I
2 didn't have anything to share.

3 Q. Before the meeting occurred, had you
4 heard of the Magnitsky Act?

5 A. No.

6 Q. So that wasn't something that Emin had
7 mentioned.

8 A. No.

9 Q. Did he ever mention sanctions to you?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Did he ever mention the topic of
12 adoptions?

13 A. No.

14 Q. And so when was the first time that you
15 had heard about the Magnitsky Act? Was it at the
16 June 9th meeting?

17 A. At the June 9th meeting.

18 Q. And likewise for adoptions?

19 A. Well, I've heard of adoptions.

20 Q. Sure.

21 A. But as it relates to this. And actually,
22 probably after that, because I still didn't
23 understand how -- because that was why, when I
24 called Emin, I said, I just sat in a meeting about
25 adoption. And he seemed as shocked as I was and

1 went, adoption?

2 So I didn't put two and two together
3 until after that.

4 Q. When Emin told you that he had damaging -
5 - or the lawyer would have damaging information,
6 and you were pushing back to identify precisely
7 what that content was, did you ever ask Emin why
8 he was so interested in pursuing this meeting?

9 A. No. No.

10 Q. So he just said, essentially, shut up and
11 attend, but never gave you any further
12 information?

13 A. Essentially, he said shut up and don't attend.

14 Q. Don't attend.

15 A. Yeah, you don't have to attend. You just
16 have to get the meeting. Ike will coordinate.
17 You just have to get the meeting.

18 Q. And when he said that he would
19 coordinate, what did he mean by that?

20 A. Ike would coordinate.

21 Q. I'm sorry. Ike. I misheard you.

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. And did you ever speak to Ike before the
24 June 9th meeting to discuss what the content of
25 the meeting would be?

1 A. Not the content.

2 Q. Okay, so you had made arrangements to
3 meet with him, we saw a document, at 3:30
4 beforehand.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And you described your day beforehand
7 with a few meetings at Sony Entertainment and then
8 going to the Starbucks.

9 A. Yep.

10 Q. And before that Starbucks -- is Starbucks
11 where you met Ike before going upstairs?

12 A. No, I saw him and the three people, Ms.
13 Veselnitskaya and these two others, come in
14 through the door of Trump Tower, and so I came
15 down the escalator and met them as they were
16 coming in.

17 Q. Okay. So before meeting them at the
18 bottom of the escalator, had you had any
19 conversation with those participants in the
20 meeting about what the meeting would entail?

21 A. I had not.

22 Q. Did you speak to Ike Kaveladze on the
23 phone before the meeting?

24 A. I believe that all the back-and-forth
25 about the time -- but he did tell me they were

1 running late, so in order to do that, he would've
2 called me, yes.

3 Q. Do you recall, was there any conversation
4 about what the meeting would be about, or was it
5 just logistics?

6 A. It was logistics. They were running
7 late.

8 Q. And just so were clear, looking at
9 Exhibit 1 --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- that's dated June 3rd, your
12 communication. Was that the first communication
13 you had with Donald Trump Jr. about arranging this
14 meeting?

15 A. I believe so, yes.

16 Q. I think Mr. Davis asked you whether or
17 not Mr. Trump had followed up by telephone with
18 Emin. Did Mr. Trump also ever speak to you on the
19 telephone? Or were your exchanges exclusively via
20 email?

21 A. Exclusively via email.

22 Q. And other than the emails that Mr. Davis
23 has shown you already this morning, including
24 Exhibit 1, were there any other communications
25 that you can recall with Mr. Trump about the June

1 9th meeting before it occurred?

2 A. Not that I recall, no.

3 Q. For instance, over WhatsApp?

4 A. Yeah, not that I recall.

5 Q. Okay. And do you use, for instance,
6 Facebook Messenger or any other social media
7 platform to communicate?

8 A. I do with friends, yes.

9 Q. Do you use that to communicate with
10 Donald Trump Jr.?

11 A. I don't believe so.

12 Q. Just so we are clear, what are all the
13 means by which you have communicated with Donald
14 Trump Jr., that you can recall?

15 A. I have definitely messaged him on his
16 cell phone, and I have used email.

17 Q. And obviously spoken to him on the
18 telephone?

19 A. I don't know the answer to that.

20 Q. You're not sure -- have you ever spoken
21 with him on the telephone?

22 A. I'm not sure if I've ever spoken with him
23 on the telephone.

24 Q. And you've met him in person?

25 A. I have met him in person, yes.

1 Q. Before the June 9th meeting occurred, and
2 you saw him at the meeting, in the days leading up
3 to that meeting, from June 3rd when you first
4 planned it until the meeting occurred, had you had
5 any personal encounter with Donald Trump Jr.?

6 A. I had not.

7 Q. How about with anyone else from the Trump
8 Organization?

9 A. I'm not sure if I had -- the VK emails
10 that were referred to, I'm not sure if because
11 Rhona or somebody may have been copied on that, if
12 that counts as that. But outside of that, no.

13 Q. And Mr. Schiller, did you see him at all
14 before the meeting? You mentioned seeing him
15 after the meeting.

16 A. No, no. I saw him before the meeting in
17 Starbucks, when I was sitting having my coffee,
18 waiting for these people. He came by also, I
19 believe to get coffee or do something. And I said
20 to him, hi, I don't know if you remember me from
21 Moscow.

22 Q. I was going to ask you, how did you know
23 him? The last you saw him was from 3 years ago, 3
24 years before that?

25 A. Yeah, I think we also saw him -- Emin

1 played at one of -- at Trump Doral, Doral, however
2 you say it, PGA golf classic. Emin performed, and
3 I believe Keith was there at that time.

4 And let's see, yeah, that's when I saw
5 him. So it had been a couple years, a few years,
6 whatever it was. He's quite recognizable.

7 Q. Have you ever communicated with Keith
8 other than running into him in person at these
9 couple of events? Have you ever communicated with
10 him at any other time?

11 A. I believe I may have asked him -- again,
12 I may have followed up this about what was the
13 protocol on delivery for things, as well as Rhona.
14 I could be wrong, but I believe I may have asked
15 him on email. I don't believe he answered me, if
16 --

17 Q. But you do have his personal email
18 address?

19 A. I had his personal -- well, not personal.
20 I had his Trump.org.

21 Q. And other than that possible
22 communication about delivering something to Trump
23 Tower --

24 A. Yep.

25 Q. Can you recall any other times that you

1 have communicated with him via email?

2 A. Since when?

3 Q. At any time.

4 A. Definitely during the Miss Universe

5 contest, yes, because that was our point of

6 contact kind of for, as I used to call it, all

7 things Trump. Where is he? What time? Where

8 will we find him? Where do we deliver him to?

9 All of that. Outside of that, no.

10 Q. Do you have any social relationship with

11 Mr. Schiller?

12 A. None at all.

13 Q. You had mentioned arranging a delivery of

14 an item after the June 9th meeting. Was that a

15 painting?

16 A. It was a painting.

17 Q. Was there anything else with that

18 painting?

19 A. There was a note, I believe.

20 Q. Did you ever see the note?

21 A. No, because I also didn't deliver it

22 myself. I was -- I think I was away. I was

23 heading to Montreal or somewhere, and so I passed

24 it on to Roman Beniaminov in his role as Emin's

25 assistant to take care of it.

1 Q. So other than the note and the painting,
2 do you know if there was anything else included in
3 the materials that were delivered to Trump Tower?

4 A. I have no idea.

5 Q. Did you ever talk to Roman Beniaminov
6 about it?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And did you ever have any discussion
9 about what was going to be delivered by him?

10 A. Well, both he and I both knew what was
11 going to be delivered, because we had seen images
12 of this thing. And other than that, no.

13 All the discussions were about logistics
14 and what time this TSA-type thing closed. And I
15 think he missed the deadline the first time and
16 had to go back. That was what the discussion was
17 about.

18 Q. And so as far as you know, it was just a
19 painting --

20 A. And a note.

21 Q. -- and a note?

22 A. And a birthday note. It was a birthday
23 gift.

24 Q. Returning to Exhibit 1 for a moment, the
25 email toward the end of your June 3rd email refers

1 to government support for Mr. Trump helped along
2 by Aras and Emin.

3 Do you know what was meant by "helped
4 along"? What did you intend by that?

5 A. Hindsight is wonderful, and what I
6 should've said was Russian support helped by, but
7 I say here, Russian and its government support
8 helped by.

9 So, you know, what I meant was, there are
10 people in Russia who support your dad, look, the
11 Russian Government, it is Russia helped by Emin
12 and Aras, who also support your dad. It is a sort
13 of bad clause.

14 Q. And other than arranging the June 9th
15 meeting, what form of help did this take?

16 A. Emin had posted on his social media: My
17 friend Mr. Trump, vote Mr. Trump, he's done well.
18 He has won in wherever he won.

19 I may also add that we're very
20 nonpartisan. A few months before that, we had an
21 idea that Emin had a song called, "Woman," and we
22 put it to images of Hillary, and I had thought it
23 would be a great thing to suggest to the Clinton
24 campaign, because it was a great song that summed
25 it up. And Emin posted that on his social media

1 as well.

2 So this was another of those things.

3 It's just he knew Mr. Trump personally. He didn't
4 know Hillary.

5 Q. Did the Agalarovs ever provide any
6 financial support to the Trump campaign that you
7 are aware of?

8 A. Not that I am aware of.

9 Q. Did they ever try to make any donations
10 to the Trump campaign?

11 A. I have no idea.

12 Q. Did you ever make any donations to the
13 Trump campaign yourself?

14 A. I did not.

15 Q. Did you make any donations on behalf of
16 anyone else?

17 A. I did not.

18 Q. Did you ever facilitate any campaign
19 contributions on behalf of anyone else?

20 A. No.

21 Q. And how about to the Clinton campaign?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Let's move forward to the meeting itself.

24 MS. SAWYER: Can I ask a quick question?

25 MR. PRIVOR: Sure.

1 BY MS. SAWYER:

2 Q. So you have indicated that you kept
3 pressing back to try to get more information about
4 the Russian lawyer --

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. -- because you felt that Don Jr. would
7 ask for more.

8 A. I thought that somebody would ask. In my
9 professional opinion, if somebody had asked me to
10 meet, I would want to know a bit more about it --

11 Q. And did he ever ask?

12 A. -- to legitimize it.

13 Q. Did he ever ask?

14 A. He didn't.

15 BY MR. PRIVOR:

16 Q. In arranging the meeting, did Emin ever
17 give you any indication as to who should attend
18 the meeting?

19 A. No.

20 Q. And other than wanting you to reach out
21 to the Trump Organization, did he specify to whom
22 you should reach out to at the Trump Organization?

23 A. His actual words were to reach out to the
24 Trumps, which is why, at the end of this, I say,
25 you know, I could send this to Rhona, but I wanted

1 to run it past you.

2 I didn't know, because I really was a bit
3 naive in politics. I didn't know whether this
4 should go to Rhona for Mr. Trump or it should go
5 to Don Jr. and let him decide where it should go.
6 So I went with the latter. I thought it was the
7 lesser of two evils.

8 Q. In terms of the persons who attended on
9 behalf of the -- I will call them the Russians,
10 although you are obviously not a Russian, did Emin
11 specify who would or should attend that meeting on
12 his part?

13 A. No, he merely said that Ike would
14 coordinate.

15 Q. And you've identified the participants in
16 the meeting. Was there anyone else that you were
17 expecting to attend who did not attend?

18 A. Well, initially, I was just expecting the
19 lawyer, Ms. Veselnitskaya, and Ike.

20 Q. Was there anyone else invited who didn't
21 show up?

22 A. No, but on the day of the meeting, I
23 think it was already referred to before, an email
24 was sent to me just saying that she wanted to
25 bring along two other people, one of which was a

1 translator and one of which was a colleague.

2 Q. And did you make any effort to reach out
3 to those people before the meeting?

4 A. No. I simply said to her, bring whoever
5 you want. Make sure they have ID.

6 Q. And did you have any communications with
7 those people before you met them at the bottom of
8 the escalator in Trump Tower right before the
9 meeting?

10 A. I didn't.

11 Q. Okay, we are going to mark our next
12 exhibit, which is Exhibit 16.

13 MS. SAWYER: Why don't we off the record
14 just for a second to find this?

15 MR. PRIVOR: Sure.

16 [Off the Record]

17 MR. PRIVOR: Back on the record.

18 I'm handing you what has been marked as
19 Exhibit 15, which is a multipage document,
20 RG000236. I think it goes through 245 -- 240.
21 [Goldstone Exhibit 15 was marked for
22 identification.]

23 BY MR. PRIVOR:

24 Q. Take a moment to look that over. I would
25 like to turn your attention to the Bates page 240.

1 You can see in the bottom right-hand corner there
2 are little serial numbers.

3 MR. FOSTER: Can we go off the record for a
4 second?

5 [Off the Record]

6 MR. PRIVOR: Back on. Okay.

7 BY MR. PRIVOR:

8 Q. I'd like you to take a look at Bates page
9 240 of Exhibit 15. The first question is, do you
10 recognize this document.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What is this?

13 A. I believe it's a WhatsApp interaction
14 between myself and Emin Agalarov.

15 Q. Okay. Very well. You can see at the top
16 of the page, it looks like Emin writing to you,
17 Rob, what email is everyone talking about? Was
18 there an email?

19 And then your response is, at 1602, do
20 you see that?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And you said, after you and I spoke about
23 the lawyer and the meeting, I emailed that request
24 to Don. In order for him to consider meeting her,
25 he wanted to know who she was and what she wanted

1 to talk about.

2 Do you recall making that statement to --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. -- Mr. Agalarov?

5 It sounds, from your description then, in
6 order for Donald Trump Jr. to meet with somebody,
7 he wanted to know who she was. Is that right?

8 A. Well, that's what it sounds like, it's
9 right, yes.

10 Q. And so had you, in fact, spoken with
11 Donald Trump Jr. about the meeting in advance?

12 A. No. What I'm saying here actually is --
13 I am answering him about what the email is about
14 and why -- I don't know why Emin would imagine
15 that I wouldn't have emailed Trump. Maybe he
16 thought I'd picked up the phone and call Don Trump
17 to get the meeting. I have no idea what he
18 thought. But it's me explaining why there was an
19 email, which had now become one of the most talked
20 about emails.

21 Q. Well, your description to Emin refers to
22 what Donald Trump Jr. wanted. How did you know
23 what he wanted?

24 A. I didn't.

25 Q. So why did you say that here?

1 A. To give a reason as to why I'd written an
2 email.

3 Q. And so what Donald Trump Jr. wanted, that
4 was simply something that you surmised?

5 A. I pushed Emin so many times because I
6 said I probably would be asked, that I just
7 thought I needed to give Emin a reason as to why
8 there had been an email, but not just an email but
9 a very controversial email as it stood now. And
10 my reasoning was, you know, in order for him to
11 consider meeting her -- I should've said I knew
12 he'd want to know who she was and what she was,
13 and that's why I pushed you, but I didn't say
14 that.

15 That's what I said. But that's what I
16 meant.

17 BY MS. SAWYER:

18 Q. So was the reality that he asked you or
19 was the reality that he didn't, and you made that
20 up?

21 A. That Don asked me something? Yeah, Don
22 didn't ask me.

23 Q. So this was untrue?

24 A. Looking at it now, yes.

25 MR. PRIVOR: When you were testifying --

1 MS. SAWYER: And when I say "this," I am
2 saying the comment that you said, he wanted to
3 know who she was and what she wanted to talk
4 about. That's untrue?

5 MR. GOLDSTONE: It is untrue in the context
6 of this, yes.

7 BY MR. PRIVOR:

8 Q. This morning you had testified about the
9 June 9th meeting and your actual participation
10 during the meeting. You said that you were
11 awaiting a smoking gun at the meeting, and you
12 were waiting to see if there were to be any
13 reaction to that?

14 A. Yes, the smoking gun. I mean, I just
15 sent somebody an email that says I'm setting up a
16 meeting for someone that is going to bring you
17 damaging information about somebody who was
18 running to become the President of the United
19 States. I thought that was worthy of the words
20 smoking gun, yes.

21 Q. So the smoking gun refers to damaging
22 information?

23 A. Well, yes. I mean, that's the basis on
24 which I requested the meeting. So I thought there
25 might be some -- smoking gun might be a bit of a

1 PR ridiculous word to use, but what I was saying
2 was, I expected there to be something that would
3 make people react, and, therefore, there was a
4 reason to have made this request.

5 Q. So your expectation of going into the
6 meeting was that there would be a smoking gun?

7 A. Based on what I had requested, I believed
8 there would be some "damaging information," which
9 is why I had been asked to set up the meeting in
10 the first place.

11 Q. Throughout the course of the entire
12 meeting, did you ever hear any damaging
13 information?

14 A. Well, again, I don't know what would be
15 deemed damaging, but I didn't hear anything that I
16 would deem to be damaging. And I didn't see
17 anybody react in a way that I believed people
18 would react if they heard damaging information.

19 Q. Mr. Davis had asked you whether there was
20 anything that you would reasonably perceive as
21 being evidence of collusion of any sort.

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. And I think you said you didn't hear
24 anything like that. Is that right?

25 A. Yes. I mean, I didn't, to the best of my

1 knowledge, I didn't hear anything that could be
2 thought of as collusion.

3 Q. What would you have thought would
4 constitute collusion?

5 MR. GAGE: That's a bit speculative.

6 MS. SAWYER: Well, your client has given his
7 opinion that he didn't think there was any
8 collusion, so I think it is fair to ask him what
9 constitutes collusion.

10 MR. GOLDSTONE: I think I actually said I
11 didn't think I heard anything that might have been
12 perceived by me as collusion. I mean, maybe
13 that's a long-winded way of saying exactly what
14 you just said.

15 MS. SAWYER: Sure. So what, in your mind,
16 could you have heard that would constitute
17 collusion?

18 MR. GAGE: I'll let you ask. It's just the
19 speculative nature of it. But if you can answer.

20 BY MS. SAWYER:

21 Q. So is it fair to say that you don't know
22 what --

23 A. Would constitute collusion?

24 Q. Yes.

25 A. In its specifics, that is correct, yes.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. If I heard the word, dah, dah, dah,
3 colluded with Russia, then I would expect that
4 that was collusion. But it would -- I didn't hear
5 anything like that.

6 Q. So anything short of hearing the words
7 collusion or colluded with Russia would not
8 constitute collusion in your mind?

9 A. Correct.

10 BY MR. PRIVOR:

11 Q. Mr. Davis had run through a litany of
12 various topics that were discussed. I want to ask
13 you a little bit more detail on some of those.

14 A. Yes, sure.

15 Q. So you don't recall that there was any
16 information on Hillary Clinton, damaging
17 information, offered on her? Do I have that
18 right?

19 A. During the meeting?

20 Q. During the meeting.

21 A. There were -- there was a -- the lady did
22 begin by talking about funding to the DNC by
23 certain people that was benefiting Hillary
24 Clinton. So the name Hillary Clinton did come up.

25 Q. And you had mentioned the Ziff brothers.

1 A. The Ziff brothers' name came up, only
2 because I was listening for words that either
3 jolted me -- I heard names. Browder I heard, and
4 Ziff.

5 Q. Did you know anything about the Ziff
6 brothers before this meeting?

7 A. I did not.

8 Q. How about Browder?

9 A. I did not.

10 Q. Why did those names stick out to you as
11 significant? Why do you recall them?

12 A. Because outside of that, there weren't
13 really any names used. And so I heard Hillary
14 Clinton, DNC, this name Ziff, and this name
15 Browder.

16 Outside of that, I couldn't actually
17 recall much, if anything at all, of what was said.

18 Q. You mentioned the DNC. Was the RNC ever
19 mentioned?

20 A. Not to my knowledge.

21 Q. How about hacking of emails. I think Mr.
22 Davis asked you about that. Do you recall
23 anything about hacking of emails?

24 A. I don't recall that being mentioned.

25 Q. Was there ever any discussion about

1 obtaining information from the DNC, by hacking or
2 otherwise?

3 A. Not that I recall, no.

4 Q. Did you ever hear the name John Podesta
5 come up the meeting?

6 A. I did not.

7 Q. Was there ever any discussion of hacking
8 Hillary Clinton's emails?

9 A. Not to my knowledge.

10 Q. Was there ever any discussion of securing
11 or obtaining emails that belonged to Hillary
12 Clinton from whatever their source?

13 A. Not to my knowledge.

14 Q. Was there ever any discussion of any
15 hacking organizations? So, for instance,
16 Wikileaks?

17 A. I don't recall hearing that name.

18 Q. DCLeaks?

19 A. I don't recall hearing that name.

20 Q. Guccifer or Guccifer 2.0?

21 A. I don't recall hearing that.

22 Q. Do you recall any discussion of any news
23 leak organizations?

24 A. No.

25 BY MS. SAWYER:

1 Q. And more broadly, was there any
2 discussion of Hillary Clinton's emails?

3 A. No, not that I recall, at all.

4 Q. Any discussion of her use of a personal
5 email server?

6 A. No.

7 BY MR. PRIVOR:

8 Q. You had discussed, toward the end of this
9 morning's session, VK.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Essentially, the Russian Facebook.

12 A. Russian version of Facebook, yes.

13 Q. Okay. So I want you to take a look at
14 Exhibits 10 and 11, if you have those in front of
15 you.

16 So if you take a look, we will start with
17 Exhibit 11, which is the June 29th, 2016, email to
18 Dan Scavino from you. And you state that you are
19 following back up on the mention of VK to Don and
20 Paul Manafort.

21 A. Mm-hmm.

22 Q. And in sort of the middle of your
23 discussion, you suggest that you could have the VK
24 folks mock up a basic sample page. Do you see
25 that?

1 A. Mm-hmm.

2 Q. And you, in fact, did attach a sample
3 page. It is the attachment, which is part of the
4 exhibit, and you can see that page.

5 And if you also compare that to Exhibit
6 10 now, you will see that one also has a mockup
7 sample page, and it appears to be the exact same
8 page, if you were to compare them side-by-side.

9 So I'm curious, on Exhibit 11, when you
10 say that you had the VK folks mock up a basic
11 sample page, was it already done back on June 8th?
12 You're not newly doing it on June 29th?

13 A. No, I'm not, no. I'm not doing it. By
14 the way, just to be clear, no matter what, I'm not
15 actually doing anything. But I am being asked to
16 do this by Konstantin, and I'm asking him to send
17 it. But, yes.

18 Q. So Konstantin is the one --

19 A. Yes, yes.

20 Q. that actually coordinated the mockups.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. But in terms of the timing of the mockup
23 having been prepared, it was actually prepared
24 earlier?

25 A. Yeah, it looks like that, yeah, sure.

1 Q. Okay, and you -- Mr. Davis went through
2 different instances --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. -- in which you had communicated with the
5 Trumps about VK --

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. -- in January, again in June --

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. -- and again in November with Dan
10 Scavino, who is their social media director.

11 Did you ever get any response from them
12 at all --

13 A. I believe --

14 Q. -- with regard to setting up VK?

15 A. Well, I believe Mr. Scavino did answer
16 one of these, somewhere. I don't know if it's in
17 this one or if it's in a -- but there is an email.
18 Certainly, I think we provided -- where he does
19 answer it.

20 They don't actually do it, but he does
21 answer it. And, again, Konstantin then emails him
22 again and copies me on it.

23 Q. Okay, and that would be Exhibit 13 where
24 Konstantin had copied you on November 5th.

25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. Did you ever get any response --

2 MR. GAGE: Just a second to give him 13.

3 MR. GOLDSTONE: Thank you.

4 BY MR. PRIVOR:

5 Q. Did you ever get any further response

6 from the Trump campaign where they expressed

7 interest in actually pursuing this?

8 A. No.

9 Q. So we know from your testimony earlier,

10 you said you don't think this ever happened, that

11 the --

12 A. I don't believe it did.

13 Q. But were there ever any other efforts

14 after November the 5th, as reflected in Exhibit 15

15 -- I'm sorry. Exhibit 13. Were there any efforts

16 after that November 5th email that you can recall

17 where the Trump Organization tried to actually

18 follow through on setting up the VK page?

19 A. Not that I know about.

20 Q. During the meeting, was there ever any --

21 MS. SAWYER: Can I just ask?

22 MR. PRIVOR: Go ahead.

23 BY MS. SAWYER:

24 Q. Do you have Exhibit 11 there?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. In about the third paragraph down, there
2 is a sentence that says, at the time, Paul had
3 said he would welcome it, and so I had the VK
4 folks mock up a basic sample page.

5 And you've already explained it is the
6 same page that you had already as of June 8th. So
7 did you have a conversation with Mr. Manafort
8 before June 8th about the VK page?

9 A. I did not.

10 Q. So what is the reference there to him
11 welcoming it and then you directing VK to mock up
12 a page?

13 A. So it's -- the reference to Paul Manafort
14 is simply, as I stated before, that on my way out
15 of the meeting, because I'd never met this man
16 before, but I did know he was the campaign
17 chairman, I thought he would be a pretty good
18 person to ask, you know, I have a friend at VK
19 that has this information, blah, blah, blah. And
20 at the time, I said, you know, we can mock up
21 something, and here it is.

22 There was only ever this thing mocked up,
23 as far as I know. I didn't make any request of
24 VK. I just had a very eager friend in Moscow that
25 was desperate to make a little bit of a name for

1 himself by saying, I have a friend that can get me
2 to the Trumps, and, look, there it is, they've
3 made a page.

4 So I just kept on and on with his
5 requests. But again, it was of no real interest
6 to me. I was just trying to help out a friend.

7 And so, that is the reference to Paul
8 Manafort. It was the only time I ever mentioned
9 it.

10 Q. So you didn't have the VK folks mock up
11 this?

12 A. No, I absolutely didn't. I had -- well,
13 inasmuch as we had it already. Konstantin had
14 already done this. And anything that was done
15 from VK was just stuff that either he sent
16 directly to them or he copied me on.

17 BY MR. PRIVOR:

18 Q. Back to the June 9th meeting itself, Mr.
19 Davis had asked you whether Ms. Veselnitskaya had
20 brought any documents with her, and you mentioned
21 that she had a statement from which she was
22 reading. Was there anything else that you recall
23 her bringing with her, other than that statement?

24 A. I mean, she had her purse. I think as
25 well as that, she had another bag. No.

1 Q. Do you recall her carrying a plastic
2 folder of any kind with documents in it?

3 A. Not specifically, but she definitely, as
4 I say, was reading from a document. Whether that
5 was contained in a plastic folder, I'm not
6 certain.

7 Q. Did you see if anyone else brought any
8 documents with them?

9 A. I didn't. I don't recall anybody having
10 any, but I didn't -- I couldn't be 100 percent
11 certain.

12 Q. In your original email setting up the
13 meeting, which is Exhibit 1, when you referred to
14 the documents, or documents and information that
15 would incriminate Hillary, did anyone at the
16 meeting ever ask anything along the lines of, you
17 know, hey, Rob, you sent an email that promised us
18 documents and information. Where is it?

19 A. They did not.

20 Q. Okay. So you never got any pushback from
21 Donald Trump Jr. asking, where is the information
22 that you promised?

23 A. No.

24 Q. And how about anyone else other than Don
25 Jr.?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Not Mr. Manafort?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Mr. Kushner?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Did they ask any questions? Start with
7 Donald Trump Jr.

8 A. They didn't ask questions. They
9 interrupted.

10 Q. And did they ever ask for any assistance?
11 Did Donald Trump Jr. ever ask for any assistance
12 from Ms. Veselnitskaya?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Did he ask for any assistance from the
15 Russian Government?

16 A. Not that I heard.

17 Q. Or from any other Russians?

18 A. Not that I heard.

19 Q. Same question as to Mr. Manafort. Did he
20 make any -- did he ask any questions?

21 A. No.

22 Q. And how about Mr. Kushner? Did he ask
23 any questions, other than you mentioned he asked -
24 -

25 A. No.

1 Q. -- Ms. Veselnitskaya to start over?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Other than that, he didn't ask for
4 anything?

5 A. Not that I recall here.

6 Q. Was there any discussion about any
7 possible information that might be provided in the
8 future?

9 A. I didn't hear that.

10 Q. Was there any discussion about setting up
11 a second meeting in the future?

12 A. At the time of that meeting, you're
13 asking me?

14 Q. Yes.

15 A. There was not.

16 Q. You stated, when you left the meeting,
17 that you were speaking to Donald Trump Jr., and
18 Paul Manafort was right next to you. Is that
19 right?

20 A. He was in front of us.

21 Q. In front of you. Did you have any
22 conversation with Mr. Manafort at that time?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What did Mr. Manafort say?

25 A. He -- well, he didn't. I simply said,

1 oh, by the way, I have a friend who works in
2 marketing in VK in Russia who wants to set up a
3 page for Mr. Trump. Would that be interesting?
4 And who would he speak to? And he goes, yes, he
5 should speak to Dan Scavino.

6 Q. And other than the discussion of VK, was
7 there any further discussion with Mr. Manafort?

8 A. There was not.

9 Q. How about with Donald Trump Jr.? Was
10 there any further discussion beyond the VK
11 discussion?

12 A. Yes. I said to him, Don, I really want
13 to apologize. This was hugely embarrassing. I
14 have no idea what this meeting was actually about.

15 And he said, don't worry. You know, we
16 have so many meetings, and we go from one to the
17 other. And I appreciate your friendship, and
18 whatever he said. Thank -- I don't know if he
19 said thank you or goodbye. It was that kind of
20 thing.

21 Q. You mentioned after the meeting having a
22 call with Emin --

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. -- Agalarov. Did you also speak to Ike
25 Kaveladze by telephone after the meeting?

1 A. Probably.

2 Q. Do you recall what your conversation was?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Did you have any other conversation with
5 him after the meeting, in the immediate time after
6 the meeting, that day?

7 A. I -- I believe I would've spoken to him
8 by phone later that day, in a sort of angered
9 state.

10 Q. Do you recall anything from that
11 conversation?

12 A. I don't.

13 Q. Okay.

14 MR. PRIVOR: I think our time is up, and
15 we will go off the record at 11:59.

16 [Recess 11:59 a.m. to 12:09 p.m.]

17 MR. DAVIS: We'll go back on the record
18 at 12:09.

19 Mr. Goldstone, I would like to take a
20 look at an email exchange that is Bates stamped
21 RG000085, along with a document Bates stamped SJC-
22 KAV00027. These will collectively be Exhibit 16.
23 [Goldstone Exhibit 16 was marked for
24 identification.]

25 BY MR. DAVIS:

1 Q. The first is an email exchange between
2 you and Mr. Kaveladze. That exchange has an image
3 file that is not shown. The second document is
4 the image file from that email exchange, as
5 produced by Mr. Kaveladze's attorneys.

6 On June 14th, 2016, you wrote to Mr.
7 Kaveladze, stating, "Top story right now seems
8 eerily weird, based on our Trump meeting last week
9 with the Russian lawyers, et cetera," including an
10 image of a CNN story that is titled, "Russian
11 hackers stole Dems' Trump files, firm says."

12 Kaveladze replied, "Very interesting."

13 What about the hacking story seemed
14 eerily weird in light of the June 9th meeting?

15 A. I was watching CNN, and up flashed a
16 headline that basically had the words Russian and
17 DNC in it. That's what interested me. And what I
18 found eerily weird was that I had set up a meeting
19 with Don Jr. about, allegedly, Russians and
20 information and damaging information and the DNC.

21 So it wasn't specifically about hacking.
22 It was the fact that it was about Russians and
23 Democrats. That is what I found eerily weird.

24 Q. Did you also discuss this news with Emin?

25 A. I believe I did.

1 Q. Do you recall the content of that
2 conversation?

3 A. No.

4 Q. I would like to ask you about your
5 efforts to arrange a second meeting with Ms.
6 Veselnitskaya and Trump associates after the
7 election in November 2016. Who initiated this
8 request for another meeting?

9 A. I believe it was Mr. Kaveladze.

10 Q. And what was your involvement?

11 A. I was asked once again if I would contact
12 -- I don't know if, at that time, it was the Trump
13 campaign or the transition team. I can't remember
14 the timing of it. Because the same Russian
15 attorney was going to be in New York and had
16 something she wanted to present or discuss with
17 them.

18 MR. DAVIS: Let's take a look at the email
19 Bates stamped RG000182, along with its attachment,
20 which is stamped 183 through 185. These
21 collectively will be Exhibit 17.

22 [Goldstone Exhibit 17 was marked for
23 identification.]

24 MR. DAVIS: We will look over a few emails
25 before I ask you some questions, but in this

1 email, dated November 23rd, 2016, Mr. Kaveladze
2 writes you, stating, "Hello, Rob. Enclosed please
3 find synopsis of the topic Ms. Natalia wants to
4 discuss with T people. She has arrived into NYC."

5 Now I would like to take a look at the
6 email exchange Bates stamped RG000186, which will
7 be Exhibit 18.

8 [Goldstone Exhibit 18 was marked for
9 identification.]

10 MR. DAVIS: In this email exchange, it
11 appears that you wrote back, stating, "Having
12 skimmed it over, isn't this exactly what she
13 presented at the last meeting?" To which Mr.
14 Kaveladze replied, "Yes, pretty close to what she
15 talked about at first meeting."

16 Now I would like to look at another
17 follow-up email, which is Bates stamped RG000189.
18 It will be Exhibit 19.

19 [Goldstone Exhibit 19 was marked for
20 identification.]

21 BY MR. DAVIS:

22 Q. In this email, you wrote to Mr.
23 Kaveladze, stating, in part, "I am sure you
24 understand I have to first submit this and then
25 speak to Don and Rhona, and then wait to see if

1 they want to have a meeting."

2 Mr. Goldstone, did you communicate with
3 Mr. Trump Jr. about this proposed second meeting?

4 A. I believe I communicated with Rhona, and
5 I'm not sure if I communicated with Mr. Trump Jr.

6 Q. Okay.

7 MR. DAVIS: Let's take a look at an email
8 from you to Rhona on the subject. This will be
9 Bates stamped RG000246. And this will be Exhibit
10 20.

11 [Goldstone Exhibit 20 was marked for
12 identification.]

13 BY MR. DAVIS:

14 Q. In this email, the oldest email in this
15 exchange is from you to Rhona Graff on November
16 28th, 2016. You wrote, "Hi, Rhona. Aras Agalarov
17 has asked me to pass on this document in the hope
18 it can be passed on to the appropriate team. If
19 needed, a lawyer representing the case is in New
20 York currently and happy to meet with any member
21 of his transition team."

22 Was your understanding that Mr.
23 Kaveladze's outreach to you was on behalf of Aras
24 Agalarov?

25 A. It was.

1 Q. Setting aside the July 27th email change
2 that is at the top of this one, did Ms. Graff
3 otherwise respond to your email?

4 A. I believe not.

5 MR. DAVIS: Okay, I would like to now
6 have you review the exchange that is Bates stamped
7 RG000195 through 196, which will be Exhibit 21.
8 These are messages in November between you and Mr.
9 Kaveladze.

10 [Goldstone Exhibit 21 was marked for
11 identification.]

12 BY MR. DAVIS:

13 Q. And just to clarify, is it correct that
14 these are messages in November 2016 between you
15 and Mr. Kaveladze?

16 A. It does appear so, yes.

17 Q. And what program was this? What
18 messaging program?

19 A. Yeah, I'm looking. Oh, it's AIM, which
20 it's something -- I don't know, something
21 messenger, it stands for.

22 Q. According to the document, on November
23 27th, 2016, Kaveladze messaged to you, stating,
24 "The lawyer woman called again asking about the
25 meeting with T people. I believe that meeting on

1 lawyer or assistant level will be sufficient.

2 Sorry to bother you with this on Sunday."

3 You responded, also on November 27th,

4 2016, "I forwarded it last week but no response.

5 If I'm being honest, I doubt they will meet her,

6 as it's exactly the same as they met last time and

7 didn't find it particularly interesting or useful,

8 according to Don Jr. at the time. Also, she needs

9 to understand that they are in transition mode and

10 so have a million things on their minds, and I

11 feel this won't be one of them. But let's wait

12 and see if they react."

13 So in your November 27th message to Mr.

14 Kaveladze, you said you forwarded the information

15 last week. The last email was an email sent on

16 November 28th, the day after this message with

17 Kaveladze, forwarding the document to Ms. Graff.

18 Had you, in fact, forwarded the document

19 the week before your November 27th message with

20 Kaveladze?

21 A. I don't recall, but because I know

22 myself, and I know how I write, I would imagine

23 that the minute he reminded me of it in here, I

24 forwarded it to Rhona, probably the next day. So

25 I don't recall one before then, no.

1 Q. All right. Prior to sending that email
2 to Ms. Graff on November 28th, 2016, did you speak
3 with Ms. Graff or any other Trump associates about
4 a second meeting with Veselnitskaya?

5 A. I don't believe so.

6 Q. Back to the exhibit, in a message you
7 sent to Mr. Kaveladze on November 28th, 2016, you
8 wrote, "I left Rhona another message but heard
9 nothing. I don't think we will."

10 How many times did you contact or attempt
11 to contact Ms. Graff about this?

12 A. I believe none.

13 Q. You said you believe none, is that right?

14 A. Except for the email exchange that you
15 have.

16 Q. Okay. Do you recall speaking with her on
17 the phone or leaving her any voicemails?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Okay. Why did you give the impression to
20 Mr. Kaveladze that you were pursuing the second
21 meeting more vigorously than it appears you
22 actually were?

23 A. Because I was hoping that he would be
24 smart enough to realize my view on asking for a
25 second meeting.

1 Q. And what was your view?

2 A. That it was a ridiculous request and one
3 that I would fight everything in me not to have to
4 request.

5 Q. As far as you know, did Ms. Veselnitskaya
6 ever speak with anyone on the Trump transition
7 team after the election?

8 A. I have no idea.

9 Q. Do you know if she ever spoke with anyone
10 from the Trump Organization after the election?

11 A. I don't know.

12 Q. With anyone in the Trump administration?

13 A. I don't know.

14 MR. DAVIS: Now I would like to move on to
15 what happened when the June 9th, 2016, meeting
16 became a topic of interest in 2017. Let's take a
17 look at the document Bates stamped RG000227, which
18 will be Exhibit 22.

19 [Goldstone Exhibit 22 was marked for
20 identification.]

21 BY MR. DAVIS:

22 Q. This is a series of messages between you
23 and Mr. Kaveladze, is that correct?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. According to this document, on June 3rd,

1 2017, you messaged Mr. Kaveladze, stating, in
2 part, "When you get a minute, can you please call
3 me? I just had an interesting call re: that
4 meeting we attended at Trump Tower last year."

5 With whom did you have that call?

6 A. I believe it was a voicemail I received
7 from a man named Alan Garten.

8 Q. And is it correct that he is an attorney
9 with the Trump Organization?

10 A. I understand that to be correct.

11 Q. Can you please describe the contents of
12 that conversation or voicemail in as much detail
13 as you remember?

14 A. As I remember, it was just, could I give
15 him a call to discuss a meeting that was held at
16 Trump Tower?

17 Q. Okay. Eleven minutes after your message,
18 Kaveladze responds, "Natalia Veselnitskaya, I
19 believe that was her name."

20 Did you have a call with Mr. Kaveladze
21 between your message asking him to call you and
22 his message stating Ms. Veselnitskaya's name?

23 A. I don't recall the call, but I -- when I
24 looked at this, it seems to be the obvious answer,
25 because I couldn't remember her name.

1 Q. Okay. Did you ask him what her name was?

2 A. I definitely asked him at some point what
3 her name was, yes.

4 Q. Okay, I would like to have you look at a
5 series of exhibits, and then ask you a few
6 questions.

7 A. Sure.

8 MR. DAVIS: The first will be an email
9 Bates stamped RG000090, which will be Exhibit 23.
10 [Goldstone Exhibit 23 was marked for
11 identification.]

12 MR. DAVIS: This is an email sent on June
13 26th, 2017, from Alan Garten to you. As we
14 stated, he is an attorney for the Trump
15 Organization. And he writes, "Hey, Rob. Hope all
16 is well. Was wondering if you were free to talk
17 tomorrow. Let me know what works for you. Best,
18 Alan."

19 Now I would like to look at the exchange
20 Bates stamped RG000091, which will be Exhibit 24.
21 [Goldstone Exhibit 24 was marked for
22 identification.]

23 MR. DAVIS: The first email chronologically
24 is from you to Alan Garten on June 27th, 2017,
25 which states, in part, "Here is the contact

1 information for Ike Kaveladze, who also attended
2 the meeting on behalf of Aras Agalarov."

3 Next, I would like to look at the
4 exchange Bates stamped RG000092, which will be
5 Exhibit 25.

6 [Goldstone Exhibit 25 was marked for
7 identification.]

8 MR. DAVIS: This is an email exchange
9 between you and Emin on June 27th, 2017. You
10 write, "That meeting I set up in October with
11 Trump campaign for your father for that Russian
12 attorney and her colleagues is causing massive
13 problems. I have today been interviewed by
14 attorneys for the second time about it. They're
15 concerned because it links Don Jr. to officials
16 from Russia, which he has always denied meeting.
17 I did say at the time this was an awful idea and a
18 terrible meeting. They're speaking with Ike, I
19 believe, also today. And potentially, it may go
20 further, and we may need attorneys. It's really
21 potentially a serious situation, so you and your
22 father should be aware. I don't even know for
23 sure who these Russian people were, but hopefully
24 Ike can answer for them. I've told them what I
25 know. I'm really not happy being put in a

1 situation with Federal attorneys investigating, et
2 cetera."

3 BY MR. DAVIS:

4 Q. You mentioned a meeting in October. Was
5 that -- what was that in reference to?

6 A. The fact that I'm now 57 and demented. I
7 mean the June meeting.

8 Q. All right.

9 A. With respect.

10 Q. When you wrote that you had been
11 interviewed by attorneys that day for the second
12 time about it, was that a reference to interviews
13 with Trump Jr. or Trump Organization attorneys?

14 A. Alan Garten, and then Alan Garten and
15 Alan Futerfas, I believe, was on the second call.

16 Q. Okay. Can you please describe the calls
17 you had with those individuals?

18 A. They called and asked me if I could help
19 them understand my recollection of the meeting,
20 which I did.

21 Q. And were both calls related to your
22 recollection of the meeting?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. How did you describe the meeting
25 to them in those calls?

1 A. I described it as a -- that it appeared
2 to me to have been a bait and switch of somebody
3 who appeared to be lobbying for what I now
4 understood to be the Magnitsky Act, and probably
5 thought she wouldn't be able to get a meeting
6 under that guise, and, therefore, had dangled the
7 idea of having some damaging information on
8 Hillary, which she may or may not have had, but it
9 didn't appear to me as if anything had come out of
10 it at the meeting.

11 Q. Okay.

12 MR. DAVIS: Let's turn to a series of
13 messages between you and Emin. These are Bates
14 stamped RG000228 to 240. I know some of these
15 overlapped with Mr. Privor's exhibits, but we will
16 introduce some this way for sake of convenience in
17 this line of questioning. This will be Exhibit
18 26.

19 [Goldstone Exhibit 26 was marked for
20 identification.]

21 BY MR. DAVIS:

22 Q. Unfortunately, the way these were
23 provided to us, the dates are not shown on most of
24 the messages, so I might need some clarity from
25 you on those.

1 But let's please look at page 228 to
2 begin.

3 A. 228, yeah.

4 Q. You write to Emin, "I made sure I kept
5 you and your father out of the story and they just
6 used my word 'acquaintance.' The lawyers accepted
7 we were just acquaintances but tell me the media
8 is keen to know who set up the meeting."

9 Which lawyers are you referencing in that
10 comment?

11 A. I believe, again, it's a misuse of a
12 word, and it means either the writers or the media
13 accepted we were just acquaintances. There were
14 no lawyers at that point.

15 Q. Okay. Do you recall when this message
16 exchange occurred?

17 A. I believe it was July 9 or July 10, and
18 I'm sure we can probably confirm that for you.

19 Q. We would appreciate that.

20 Why did you keep Emin and Aras out of the
21 story?

22 A. They hadn't been mentioned to me at that
23 stage. This was, I believe, after I had been
24 contacted by a journalist, and I just felt I was
25 doing the right thing in trying to protect my

1 clients. I naively maybe thought that might be
2 the end of it, there might be some -- but I didn't
3 realize it would blow up into the type of story it
4 did.

5 Q. When you spoke with the Trump attorneys,
6 did you describe Emin and Aras' involvement --

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. -- in setting up the meeting? Okay.

9 To the best of your knowledge, when you
10 spoke with the Trump attorneys, did they have a
11 copy of your email to Trump Jr. setting up the
12 meeting, which referenced Aras and Emin's
13 involvement?

14 A. I don't know.

15 Q. They didn't ask you about the email at
16 that time?

17 A. They asked primarily about the meeting.

18 Q. Did they ask at all about the email?

19 A. I don't know, but it seems likely they
20 would've. I don't know is the answer.

21 Q. Now if you could please turn to RG000231
22 in this exhibit, it appears that you messaged
23 Emin, "Just got off phone with Trump lawyers and
24 they would like us to have a blanket 'no comment'
25 for now. Washington Post was leaked information

1 that I organized meeting and has run the piece, so
2 now every media outlet is calling."

3 Just for clarity, which Trump attorneys,
4 which Trump lawyers --

5 A. I believe it was Alan -- it was still
6 Alan Garten at this stage.

7 Q. And what was the content of that call, to
8 the best of your memory?

9 A. I don't know if he called me or I called
10 him, but at that point, I didn't have any
11 attorneys or anywhere to turn. So probably, I put
12 in a call to him to ask what was going on, as he's
13 the only person that I'd spoken to in the past
14 about this possibly being leaked, or story. And
15 he just said at the time that he'd prefer if I had
16 a "no comment" to all these calls that I was
17 getting.

18 Q. Do you recall when that conversation
19 occurred, the date? I don't know if it shows.

20 A. I may, if I look in order. I believe it
21 was July 10th.

22 Q. And did you -- did he explain his
23 reasoning why they wanted to blanket "no comment"
24 policy from you?

25 A. I'm not sure, but if he did, I didn't

1 mention it.

2 MR. DAVIS: All right, now I would like
3 to look at another email exchange. This is Bates
4 stamped SJC-KAV00132 to 133, and this will be
5 Exhibit 27.

6 [Goldstone Exhibit 27 was marked for
7 identification.]

8 BY MR. DAVIS:

9 Q. This is a chain of emails on July 9th
10 and/or 10th. The different dates may be due to
11 different time zones of the senders, I believe.

12 The first email chronologically is from
13 you to Alan Garten, copying Mr. Kaveladze. It
14 states, in part, "Alan, I am in Europe and
15 received a barrage of media calls yesterday,
16 including Washington Post saying my name was
17 listed on the official statement put out Saturday
18 by lawyers. I had requested last week of you guys
19 to see what was being put out, so I would be able
20 to prepare our own statement but never received
21 anything from you or your colleague. Can I please
22 at least now see the statement you guys put out?"

23 Why did you want to see Trump Jr.'s
24 statement prior to drafting your own?

25 A. I just felt it would be useful if I knew

1 what they had put out, the style, the type. This
2 -- this area was really alien to me. I'm a music
3 publicist. We talk about egos and nonsense. I'm
4 not used to this kind of structured world.

5 Q. All right. Mr. Garten responded,
6 including the statement that Mr. Trump Jr. had put
7 out, which, among other things, claims that he had
8 not been told the name of the woman he would be
9 meeting prior to the meeting itself and that there
10 was no further contact or follow-up of any kind.
11 That email also adds Mr. Alan Futerfas.

12 You responded, stating, "Thank you.
13 Washington Post called yesterday and said they
14 were running with information that I had set up
15 the meeting and had incorrect spin on it, which I
16 tried briefly to correct. I said only that the
17 meeting appeared to have been about adoption
18 issues and was quickly terminated. I did not
19 reveal who had requested the meeting or any other
20 details. They are only ones I've spoken with, but
21 I do think a generic statement may be needed from
22 me or Emin at some point, as I had mentioned last
23 week."

24 Had Mr. Trump Jr.'s attorneys asked you
25 not to reveal who had requested the meeting?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Why did you note that in your statement
3 to them?

4 A. I don't know why. Yeah, I don't know
5 why.

6 Q. In response, Mr. Futerfas wrote, "Agreed.
7 But you can see that even your helpful quote was
8 not clearly stated by the Washington Post. Let
9 Alan G. and write something."

10 MR. DAVIS: Now let's look at another
11 document. This is Bates stamped SJC-KAV00053 to
12 54, and will be Exhibit 28.
13 [Goldstone Exhibit 28 was marked for
14 identification.]

15 BY MR. DAVIS:

16 Q. This is an email and attachment you sent
17 on July 10th, 2017, to Emin and Mr. Kaveladze.
18 The subject line is, "Here is statement drafted by
19 Trump lawyers, which they have asked me to
20 release."

21 The attachment appears to be a screenshot
22 of an email from Mr. Futerfas to you, which
23 states, "Rob, please consider the following as a
24 statement. Please note that there will always be
25 potential follow-up questions to any statement.

1 But if you feel comfortable with this statement
2 and are comfortable saying nothing more, at least
3 for the time being, that would be our preference.
4 Again, any statement should be accurate as to
5 your very best recollection."

6 Then the message has the draft statement
7 itself, which reads, "As the person who arranged
8 the meeting, I can definitely state that the
9 statements I have read by Donald Trump Jr. are 100
10 percent accurate. The meeting was a complete
11 waste of time, and Don was never told Ms.
12 Veselnitskaya's name prior to the meeting. Ms.
13 Veselnitskaya mostly talked about the Magnitsky
14 Act and Russian adoption laws, and the meeting
15 lasted 20 to 30 minutes at most. There was never
16 any follow-up, and nothing ever came of the
17 meeting. Signed, Robert Goldstone."

18 Did you ever release that statement?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Why not?

21 A. I thought it was ludicrous.

22 Q. How so?

23 A. It was -- it just seemed like a -- it
24 seemed like something I would never write. It
25 didn't sound like my voice. And it just sounded

1 like an across-the-board endorsement of Mr. Trump
2 Jr., as opposed to stating facts.

3 Q. Did you believe that the statement
4 contained inaccuracies?

5 A. Not necessarily.

6 Q. The statement says there was never any
7 follow-up, but you did contact Ms. Graff after the
8 election, forwarding Ms. Veselnitskaya's letter
9 and attempting to set up another meeting for her.
10 Did you tell Mr. Trump Jr.'s attorneys about that
11 follow-up when you spoke with them?

12 A. I'm not sure that I did.

13 Q. Okay. And as part of that attempt in
14 November, refresh my memory, did you reach out to
15 Mr. Trump Jr.?

16 A. I don't believe I did.

17 Q. Okay. After reviewing the draft message,
18 did you inform Mr. Trump's lawyers of the follow-
19 up in November?

20 A. I don't believe I did.

21 Q. Okay.

22 MR. FOSTER: Why not?

23 MR. GOLDSTONE: Because I'm not sure that --
24 I can't remember when I realized that that was
25 also connected to this, that I should look at the

1 follow-up. It wasn't something that immediately
2 came to my mind as, oh, yes, there had been a
3 follow-up. I was very much in the moment of what
4 was happening with this. So it didn't even strike
5 me as important for a follow-up.

6 BY MR. DAVIS:

7 Q. And did you consider the later VK emails
8 to not be a follow-up to that meeting? I think
9 you stated before you considered --

10 A. I did.

11 Q. -- that conversation as an aside.

12 A. As an aside, yes.

13 MR. GAGE: Just to be clear, when you say,
14 "I did," you did not consider it to be a follow-
15 up.

16 MR. GOLDSTONE: I did not consider it to be
17 a follow-up.

18 MR. GAGE: So the record is clear.

19 MR. DAVIS: Thank you for the clarification.

20 MR. GAGE: Yes.

21 BY MR. DAVIS:

22 Q. So the Trump Jr. attorneys sent you a
23 draft statement on July 10th, 2017. Let's return
24 to Exhibit 26, to page 232.

25 This is an exchange between you and Emin,

1 and you mentioned to Emin, "Trump's lawyers
2 drafted a small statement they would like me to
3 put out. I emailed it to you."

4 Was that a reference to the statement we
5 just went over?

6 A. I believe so.

7 Q. Okay. That exchange shows an audio file.
8 I would like to play one of the audio messages
9 your attorneys disclosed. I believe this
10 corresponds to that audio file, but I would like
11 you to verify that.

12 This audio file has the Bates file name
13 RG000251, but since it is an audio file, I won't
14 introduce it as a physical exhibit. Technology
15 permitting, we will listen to it now.

16 [Begin audio recording.]

17 MR. EMIN AGALAROV: Rob, I understand your
18 frustration and in no way I'm trying to downsize
19 what's happening. But as you know, as the meeting
20 happened through Ike and my dad, I was not
21 involved, and I was also against all
22 possibilities. The same way right now, any
23 comments should go through them. Just figure out
24 with Ike what the strategy should be. I don't
25 mind you commenting anything. And there's no

1 problem from my side, as you understand.

2 [End audio recording.]

3 BY MR. DAVIS:

4 Q. Was it your understanding --

5 MS. SAWYER: Patrick, can I just ask a
6 clarifying question?

7 MR. DAVIS: Sure.

8 MS. SAWYER: The document here indicates
9 1606.

10 MR. DAVIS: Yes, I believe that's the
11 timestamp. The time on the left I believe is the
12 length of the message, 44. And the file I believe
13 we have is a 1-second difference. But if you look
14 at the subject matter, I believe it corresponds,
15 but we can verify with the witness to make sure I
16 have it right.

17 MS. SAWYER: Thank you.

18 MR. DAVIS: You're welcome.

19 BY MR. DAVIS:

20 Q. Is it your recollection that that audio
21 file does correspond to this message?

22 A. I'm just checking something. I believe
23 it does.

24 Q. So to summarize, you sent Emin the draft
25 statement, and it sounded like he said that you

1 should coordinate with Ike about any draft
2 statements. And then you respond that Ike is
3 fine, but you will speak with him when he lands --

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. -- if I have it right. That's why we
6 assumed this was that message.

7 Now was it your understanding that Emin
8 in this audio message was expressing that he had
9 been against setting up the June 9th meeting?

10 A. It was my impression that he was agreeing
11 with my initial concerns that I made to him about
12 setting up the meeting, yes.

13 Q. And when you expressed those initial
14 concerns, did he at that time echo those concerns?

15 A. He did not.

16 Q. What did you understand Emin to mean when
17 he says, "I was against all possibilities"? Did
18 you take that as a reference to possible
19 assistance from the Russian Government to the
20 Trump campaign? Possible coordination between the
21 two? How did you interpret that?

22 A. The possibility of the meeting taking
23 place.

24 Q. Okay. Turning to pages 236 through 239
25 of that exhibit, it appears that you and Emin

1 exchange your own draft statements. And then on
2 the bottom of page 239, dated July 11th, you
3 wrote, "I need to retain an attorney as soon as
4 possible. This is getting out of control. Should
5 I speak to Ike about your lawyers?"

6 Did you retain an attorney at the time?

7 A. I spoke to Ike and asked him how they
8 would like to retain lawyers for me.

9 Q. Okay. And when did you retain a lawyer
10 in connection with this matter?

11 MR. GAGE: Let me get you the exact date.

12 MR. GOLDSTONE: I don't know the answer.
13 Very soon afterwards.

14 MR. DAVIS: Very soon?

15 MR. GAGE: Very soon, yeah.

16 MR. DAVIS: Okay, it also looks like you
17 later emailed your own draft statement to Emin
18 Kaveladze on July 11th, 2017.

19 Let's look at an email exchange Bates
20 stamped SJC-KAV00144 and 145. That will be
21 Exhibit 29.

22 [Goldstone Exhibit 29 was marked for
23 identification.]

24 BY MR. DAVIS:

25 Q. Your draft statement here does not claim

1 that you never told Trump Jr. Ms. Veselnitskaya's
2 name, nor does it claim that there was no follow-
3 up. Is that correct?

4 A. Can you just tell me where we are reading
5 from? We are reading from the bottom of it first,
6 right? Yes, I'm just a bit confused.

7 MR. GAGE: Just give us a minute, so he can
8 digest it.

9 MR. DAVIS: Take your time.

10 MR. GOLDSTONE: Okay. I'm sorry, your
11 question was?

12 BY MR. DAVIS:

13 Q. Sure. Unlike the previous statement, in
14 this statement, you don't claim that you ever --
15 I'm sorry. You don't claim that you never told
16 Trump Jr. Ms. Veselnitskaya's name beforehand, nor
17 do you claim that there wasn't any follow-up to
18 the June 9th meeting.

19 Was that an intentional change from
20 previous drafts? Were those issues on your mind
21 in drafting this?

22 I should clarify. Did you feel that the
23 inclusion of those statements in the previous
24 versions were inaccurate and you didn't want to
25 include them in your own?

1 A. No, I wanted to give my version of what I
2 believed as a publicist of over 20 years standing
3 would help stop false media speculation.

4 Q. And in your draft statement, you state,
5 referring to your email on June 3rd, 2016, to Mr.
6 Trump, which set up the meeting, you state, "I,
7 therefore, used the strongest hyperbolic language
8 in order to secure this request from Donald Trump
9 Jr. based on the bare facts I was given."

10 Mr. Goldstone, in your capacity as a
11 music publicist, have you at times used hyperbolic
12 language or exaggeration or hype as part of your
13 pitch?

14 A. At most times, yes.

15 Q. So if I understand your statement right,
16 you were saying that your email on June 3rd to Mr.
17 Trump was an example of this hyperbolic
18 exaggeration type --

19 A. It was an example of, I was given very
20 limited information, and my job was to get a
21 meeting, and so I used my professional use of
22 words to emphasize what my client had only given
23 bare-bones information about, in order to get the
24 attention of Mr. Trump Jr.

25 Q. When did you eventually issue a public

1 statement?

2 A. To the best of my knowledge, I did not
3 issue a public statement.

4 MR. DAVIS: Now I would like to take a look
5 at an email Bates stamped RG000247, which will be
6 Exhibit 30.

7 [Goldstone Exhibit 30 was marked for
8 identification.]

9 BY MR. DAVIS:

10 Q. This is from Anthony Scaramucci to you on
11 July 23rd, 2017. He writes, "I don't officially
12 start until the 15th, Rob, but I just wanted to
13 drop you a line to say, if you ever need to pick
14 my brains, then my door is always open.
15 Obviously, there is still pressure on all sides,
16 but if we remain consistent and united, I don't
17 envisage any issues we can't ride out."

18 MR. GAGE: I would add, it is purportedly
19 from Anthony Scaramucci.

20 MR. GOLDSTONE: I was about to say the same
21 thing.

22 MR. DAVIS: Purportedly.

23 BY MR. DAVIS:

24 Q. Do you know -- have you verified whether
25 this is his actual email address?

1 A. I sent this letter immediately to my
2 attorney, this email.

3 Q. Do you know Mr. Scaramucci?

4 A. I do not.

5 Q. Did you respond to this email?

6 A. I did not.

7 Q. Okay. And you did never verify whether
8 this was or was not actually Mr. Scaramucci's
9 email?

10 A. I didn't feel it was for me to verify, so
11 I sent it to my attorney.

12 Q. Okay.

13 MR. FOSTER: Did you ever learn whether that
14 is his email address?

15 MR. GAGE: Well --

16 MR. FOSTER: I'm not asking how he learned
17 it.

18 MR. GAGE: Yeah, I'm not -- if there were a
19 privilege log, which we haven't yet had time to
20 do, the To/From you've got, but let me think about
21 that question over the lunch break.

22 I just don't want -- or we can take a
23 short break now. We can come back to it.

24 MR. DAVIS: Yeah.

25 MR. GAGE: If you want reserve 2 minutes. I

1 mean, I'm not trying to --

2 MR. FOSTER: That's fine.

3 MR. GAGE: I just need to make sure -- yeah.

4 MR. DAVIS: I'm going to move on to a
5 different topic then.

6 BY MR. DAVIS:

7 Q. Mr. Goldstone, we discussed briefly your
8 interactions with Mr. Trump when he was in Russia
9 for the 2013 Miss Universe Competition. You
10 mentioned him interacting with various Russian
11 people and government officials. Do you recall
12 which government officials, if any, that you saw
13 him interact with on that trip?

14 A. I don't believe I said government
15 officials as such, but I definitely saw him
16 interact with high-level business officials.

17 Q. And I believe you mentioned a call with
18 Mr. Peskov. Is that correct?

19 A. That is correct.

20 Q. He is a government official. Is that
21 correct?

22 A. He is the spokesman for Vladimir Putin.

23 Q. Okay. So other than him, do you recall
24 any other interactions with government officials,
25 Russian Government officials, by Mr. Trump?

1 A. I do not.

2 Q. Okay. There have been news reports
3 alleging that someone from Emin's entourage
4 attempted to send women up to Mr. Trump's hotel
5 room while he was in Moscow for this trip. Later,
6 the Steele dossier contains some salacious
7 allegations, alleging that they had gone up there
8 and various misdeeds occurred.

9 Do you have any knowledge of Mr. Trump
10 engaging with prostitutes while on that trip?

11 A. I do not.

12 Q. Did you have any involvement in the
13 attempts between the Trump Organization and the
14 Crocus Group to conduct a real estate project in
15 Russia?

16 A. I was present when the idea was floated
17 of a potential Trump Tower, but I had no
18 involvement.

19 Q. Did you have any knowledge on the
20 progress of the project?

21 A. Again, I was present when Emin told me
22 that, due to the downturn in the economy, the
23 residential projects had been put on hold, and
24 that would include Trump Tower.

25 Q. Mr. Goldstone, did Mr. Trump, his

1 associates, or his attorneys ever ask you to lie
2 about anything related to the June 9th, 2016,
3 meeting?

4 A. They did not.

5 Q. Aside from media reports, do you have any
6 reason to believe that President Trump or any of
7 his associates colluded, conspired, or cooperated
8 with the Russian Government to affect or attempt
9 to affect the 2016 U.S. presidential election?

10 A. I have no knowledge of that, no.

11 Q. Have you spoken to the FBI about the June
12 9th, 2016, meeting?

13 A. I have not.

14 Q. Have you spoken with anybody from Special
15 Counsel Mueller's group?

16 MR. GAGE: I don't mind Rob answering the
17 question. I just want everyone in the room, I'm
18 looking at -- if that is a question being asked to
19 others, and in the view of the majority and the
20 minority, that is an appropriate question, I will
21 let him answer. I don't know what the -- as long
22 as everybody in the room, majority and minority,
23 is comfortable that that is an appropriate
24 question, I'm not going to instruct the witness
25 not to answer. Okay.

1 MR. GOLDSTONE: Can now you just repeat the
2 question?

3 MR. GAGE: No, no.

4 MR. DAVIS: We're fine with it.

5 MR. GAGE: Okay.

6 MS. SAWYER: Yes.

7 MR. GAGE: If you could repeat the question.
8 I'm sorry to interrupt. I just want to respect
9 everybody's respective interests.

10 MR. DAVIS: Sure.

11 BY MR. DAVIS:

12 Q. Have you had any contact with Special
13 Counsel Mueller's group?

14 A. Meaning have I met with them or had any
15 contact?

16 Q. Any contact.

17 A. I have been approached by them.

18 MR. GAGE: Well, I think the answer is, as
19 you know, no, but okay.

20 Well, you can assume -- I'm just --
21 contact would go through a counsel.

22 MR. DAVIS: Sure.

23 MR. GAGE: And if it's important to
24 everybody in the room, we can talk about that off
25 the record or as appropriate. But that's why I'm

1 stopping the witness at this point.

2 MR. FOSTER: But you haven't done an
3 interview with them?

4 MR. GAGE: No, he has not.

5 MR. GOLDSTONE: I have not.

6 BY MR. DAVIS:

7 Q. Have you given testimony about the June
8 9th, 2016, meeting to a grand jury proceeding?

9 A. I have not.

10 Q. Other than the follow-up about the email
11 purporting to be from Mr. Scaramucci, that is the
12 end of my questions for now.

13 A. Thank you.

14 MR. DAVIS: So we will go off the record at
15 12:52.

16 [Recess 12:52 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.]

17 MR. PRIVOR: We are back on the record. It
18 is 1:40 p.m.

19 BY MR. PRIVOR:

20 Q. Mr. Goldstone, thank you again. We are
21 going to pick up -- again, as I stated this
22 morning, a lot of what I am going to be asking
23 about is follow-up to questions Mr. Davis has
24 already asked.

25 A. No problem.

1 Q. So I hope you don't mind indulging us.

2 A. No.

3 Q. I would like to turn your attention to
4 Exhibit 17, which you had discussed before the
5 break. This is a document that concerns the
6 efforts to arrange a second meeting, which I
7 understand from your testimony, as far as you
8 know, never occurred.

9 So with regard to Exhibit 17, I just want
10 to first ask a couple questions about the
11 document, on its face. It says Ms. Natalia wants
12 to discuss with T people, and this is an email
13 from Ike Kaveladze to you.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Ms. Natalia, is that the lawyer who was
16 at the --

17 A. I would take that to be Natalia
18 Veselnitskaya.

19 Q. And the T people, would that be the Trump
20 Organization?

21 A. To the best of my understanding.

22 Q. And to your knowledge, this meeting, any
23 effort to establish a meeting in November or
24 thereabouts did not occur; is that right?

25 A. To -- that's my understanding, yes.

1 Q. And do you know who requested that there
2 be a second meeting?

3 A. Well, in subsequent texts between Mr.
4 Kaveladze and myself, he refers to Mr. A. When he
5 talks about Mr. A, that refers to Aras Agalarov.

6 Q. And do you know why the Agalarovs were
7 interested in trying to arrange a meeting again?

8 A. I don't.

9 Q. Now, you've testified already that you
10 felt that the meeting didn't really go well.
11 You've described it as awful or terrible in a text
12 message.

13 Do you know whether the Agalarovs shared
14 your view of the first meeting?

15 A. I never got feedback from them.

16 Q. Did you share your view with them,
17 though?

18 A. I did, with Emin Agalarov.

19 Q. And notwithstanding your having shared
20 your views with Emin, the Agalarovs still
21 requested a second meeting?

22 A. They did.

23 Q. Did you give any pushback to the
24 Agalarovs the way that you did for the original
25 June meeting?

1 A. I tried to convey in emails my lack of
2 interest in it. And I think, as emails go on, you
3 see that I say, it's Thanksgiving, it's things
4 going on, dah, dah, dah. And I do everything, I
5 believe, other than say no to try and give Ike,
6 who he and I had worked together for quite a long
7 time, the impression as to what I felt.

8 Q. Do you have any sense of why it was so
9 important to the Agalarovs to arrange a second
10 meeting?

11 A. I don't.

12 Q. You had testified earlier, in response to
13 a question from Mr. Davis, that you didn't know if
14 Natalia Veselnitskaya had spoken to any of the
15 Trumps after the original meeting. Do you know if
16 anyone else from that meeting had spoken to the
17 Trumps in regard to the June 9th meeting?

18 So starting with Ike Kaveladze, do you
19 know if he ever had any follow-up?

20 A. I don't know if he did.

21 Q. How about Rinat Akhmetshin?

22 A. Not to my knowledge.

23 Q. And how about the translator, Mr.
24 Samochornov?

25 A. I have -- I have no idea.

1 Q. Do you know if there was anyone else who
2 represented any of those persons who spoke to the
3 Trumps with regard to the June 9th meeting?

4 A. I don't know.

5 Q. And when I say the Trumps, I mean broadly
6 the Trump Organization.

7 A. I understand.

8 Q. And also the Trump campaign, do you know
9 if anyone from that group had reached out to the
10 Trump campaign?

11 A. I don't know if they did, no.

12 Q. Very well.

13 Let's take a look at Exhibit 21 again,
14 which is in front of you.

15 MR. PRIVOR: We are going to mark, actually,
16 our next exhibit. Mr. Davis, we, obviously, use
17 slightly different collections of documents each
18 time.

19 So I'm going to show you a new exhibit,
20 Exhibit 31. Okay, so we are showing you a new
21 exhibit, Exhibit 31, which is Bates marked
22 RG000191 through 194. And this, you will note, is
23 a continuation of the document that had been
24 already marked as Exhibit 21. It's just some
25 pages preceding it.

1 [Goldstone Exhibit 31 was marked for
2 identification.]

3 BY MR. PRIVOR:

4 Q. Take a minute to look that one over and
5 let me know if you recognize that document.

6 A. Yep.

7 Q. All right, turning your attention to the
8 first page of the exhibit, at Bates page 191, what
9 is this exchange? Is this between you and Ike
10 Kaveladze?

11 A. It is.

12 Q. That is the Ike identified --

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. -- in the margin?

15 A. Yes. Yeah.

16 Q. Okay. On the top of the page, there is
17 an entry dated May 17th, 2016.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. It looks like the third entry there. And
20 it says, sending you the Forbes article.

21 And that is your message to Ike. Is that
22 right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you recall, looking back at the date,
25 May 17th, 2016, what the Forbes article was

1 regarding Russia that is referenced there?

2 A. I believe there was an article in which
3 Forbes interviewed both Emin and Aras together
4 about their relationship with the Trumps. I
5 believe that's what it was.

6 Q. Do you have a distinct memory that that's
7 what it was?

8 A. No. I didn't set that up. This, I think
9 -- oh, it's Forbes Russia. Yes, this would have
10 been set up by Emin or Aras' public relations team
11 in Russia. I vaguely recall that possibly my
12 colleague, who, as I mentioned, was the director
13 of publicity for our company, may have asked to
14 see that also. We always like to keep on file
15 major pieces, and Forbes Russia would be quite
16 major.

17 Q. Do you recall whether you've ever sent an
18 article to Ike from Forbes concerning the founder
19 of Russian Facebook?

20 A. The -- when you say the founder of
21 Russian Facebook, we're talking about V Kontakte?

22 Q. VK, V Kontakte.

23 A. Well, I don't recall it specifically, but
24 I may have done.

25 Q. Okay. And how about, do you recall ever

1 sending an article, a Forbes article, to Ike
2 around that time concerning Rosatom, the Russian
3 energy company?

4 A. That I don't recall.

5 Q. A couple lines further down, you will
6 note, on November 12th, 2016, there is an email or
7 a text from Ike to you: Hi, Rob. I'm back to the
8 U.S. Should I Western Union \$600 to you?

9 Do you recall what the purpose of the --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- of that was? What is that?

12 A. Emin's band manager, whose name I
13 mentioned before is Pavel Klychko, has three young
14 children. He uses Amazon. He sends everything to
15 my house for his kids. And when I or somebody
16 travels to Russia, we take it, and usually he
17 pays. Because I wasn't making a trip to Russia, I
18 had sent the goods, I believe, with Ike. And
19 Pavel Klychko had given him the \$600 to give back
20 to me. Ike lives on the West Coast. I live on
21 the East Coast, so I believe he Western Union'ed
22 it.

23 Q. I see. Could I have you turn to the next
24 page of the exhibit at Bates page 192? You will
25 note, about a third of the way down, Ike is

1 writing to you again about a transfer of money.

2 He says: Hello, \$19,826 went in your direction
3 today.

4 Do you recall the purpose of that --

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. -- transfer?

7 A. So Ike and/or his company was the entity
8 that always paid our fees, ever since I've worked
9 for Emin. And so what he's letting me know is
10 that there was a \$15,000 -- I mean, I will just
11 tell you what's broken down. There was a \$15,000
12 fee, because that's what the fee was, and then
13 \$4,000 and whatever the rest of it would've been
14 expenses. So he's letting me know that it has
15 been sent.

16 Q. And the money that was sent is for your
17 work as a publicist?

18 A. And manager. Our company is both public
19 relations and management services.

20 Q. But it's related to Emin's music career?

21 A. Emin's music career, yes.

22 Q. Was the payment for any other purpose?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Let's turn your attention to Exhibit 20,
25 which is another one in front of you from earlier

1 today.

2 A. Twenty, yes.

3 Q. So this is an email, Mr. Davis had asked
4 you about the email forwarded on November 28th --
5 not forwarded -- sent to Rhona Graff on November
6 28th. And we see on this page that it also was
7 forwarded to Rhona Graff on July 15th of 2017.

8 A. To me from Rhona Graff.

9 Q. I'm sorry. From Rhona to you on July
10 15th.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Do you recall what prompted her to send
13 that document back to you on July 15th?

14 A. I don't.

15 Q. Do you think it had anything to do with
16 the public statements about the June 9th meeting
17 that were being discussed a few days before that?

18 A. I don't know. It just seems random.

19 Q. Do you recall whether you ever solicited
20 from her that she send that back to you?

21 A. I do not.

22 Q. She notes in her email, attached to
23 doctor received November 28th.

24 Do you know what she means by "doctor"?

25 A. I don't.

1 Q. Is that mistyped for document?

2 A. I assumed it was either document or
3 document Trump or something like that. I don't
4 know.

5 Q. Do you recall whether or not you
6 responded to this email?

7 A. I did not.

8 Q. Around the time of this email on July
9 15th, do you recall whether Ms. Graff had sent you
10 any other documents?

11 A. I don't believe I received anything from
12 her.

13 Q. Did you ever ask any questions or revert
14 to her on this email with any question of, why are
15 you sending this to me?

16 A. I didn't.

17 Q. And you're certain you did not?

18 A. I'm -- I hate saying the word certain.
19 I'm certain, in this case, I did not.

20 Q. We can see on this page that -- actually,
21 on the Rhona Graff piece of it again, Ms. Graff is
22 Donald Trump's assistant. Is that right?

23 A. As I understand, yes.

24 Q. And do you recall ever having any other
25 communication with Mr. Trump himself that would

1 have prompted Rhona Graff to send this document to
2 you?

3 A. Mr. Trump Sr. or Junior?

4 Q. My understanding is she is Mr. Trump, the
5 President's assistant.

6 A. Yeah. No.

7 Q. You did not have any communications with
8 Mr. Trump?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Do you know if anyone else did that
11 would've prompted her to send this?

12 A. I do not, no.

13 Q. Can you think of any reason that Ms.
14 Graff would've sent this document back to you?

15 A. An error perhaps.

16 Q. Any other reason?

17 A. No.

18 Q. We note on the top third or so of the
19 page that it's blank and states redacted attorney-
20 client communication. Do you know what the basis
21 is for redacting this?

22 MR. GAGE: Probably a better question for
23 me. So, again, if it was a privilege log, it
24 would say from Rob. I am the recipient.

25 MR. PRIVOR: Okay, very well.

1 MR. GAGE: It was forwarded to me.

2 BY MS. SAWYER:

3 Q. So before we leave this, you had
4 indicated that you didn't have a conversation with
5 Mr. Trump Sr. about anything related to this
6 email. Is that accurate?

7 A. I -- the conversations I -- well, no. In
8 order to communicate with Mr. Trump Sr., I
9 communicated through Rhona Graff.

10 Q. So have you ever spoken with Mr. Trump
11 Sr. directly?

12 A. Yes, in person.

13 Q. Okay. And when was the most recent time
14 that happened?

15 A. Approximately 6 weeks before he made his
16 announcement to run for President of the United
17 States.

18 Q. So May of 2015 was the last time you
19 spoke directly with him? What was the topic of
20 that conversation?

21 A. Emin Agalarov was in New York and had
22 asked whether I could request that we do a swing
23 by in Trump Tower and say hello. We had done a
24 couple of previous ones. I made a request through
25 Rhona Graff.

1 And we went and had about 10 minutes with
2 Mr. Trump. Emin said hello, posed for a
3 photograph. Mr. Trump at the time was listening
4 to very loud rap music when we walked in, because
5 he knew I was in music said, look, I've been
6 presented with a platinum disk for a song called,
7 "Donald Trump," to which I -- that's how I
8 remember this incident. I cautioned him that he
9 should perhaps look at the words to the song
10 before he enjoyed it so much.

11 And afterward, he said to us, you know, I
12 am going to announce my nomination. And Emin
13 said, great, good luck, and I need to take a
14 picture.

15 And as they took the -- I took the
16 picture of them, he said, so maybe next time, I'll
17 be hosting you guys in the White House.

18 And that's the last we spoke.

19 Q. Okay. And then with regard to this
20 document that we were discussing, this Exhibit 20,
21 you didn't talk with Mr. Trump Sr. Did you talk
22 with Donald Trump Jr. about it at all?

23 A. I don't believe I did, no.

24 Q. Anyone else at the Trump Organization?

25 A. No.

1 Q. Mr. Garten? Did you mentioned to Mr.
2 Garten that there had been a synopsis or a
3 document sent previously to the Trump Organization
4 about meetings with --

5 A. Not to my knowledge, no.

6 Q. -- Russian lawyers?

7 Did you mention it to Mr. Kaveladze?

8 A. I'm just trying to look, because it may
9 be that Mr. Kaveladze sent it to me originally.
10 So yes, the original, I believe, was from Mr.
11 Kaveladze to me with the synopsis.

12 Q. And when was that sent to you, date-wise?

13 A. Twenty-three. One second, I'm looking
14 for it. Yeah, November 23rd, 2016.

15 Q. Can you recall if you spoke to Mr.
16 Kaveladze about that document around July 15th or
17 anytime in July of 2017?

18 A. To the best of my knowledge, I did not.

19 Q. Do you remember if you ever talked to him
20 about it after getting it from him on November
21 23rd of 2016?

22 A. Not specifically about the document, but
23 as you will see from text, we did talk about the
24 logistics of having a meeting or not.

25 BY MR. PRIVOR:

1 Q. With regard to that same exhibit, yes,
2 with the forwarding of the synopsis --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. -- to Rhona Graff. It was --

5 A. Twenty.

6 Q. Twenty. You forwarded it, obviously, to
7 Rhona Graff at the time. Do you recall if you
8 forwarded it to anyone else?

9 A. I believe I did not, because it had been
10 forwarded to me from Mr. Kaveladze, and I
11 forwarded it to Rhona. I don't believe I
12 forwarded it to anyone else.

13 Q. Did you ask any questions as to why Mr.
14 Kaveladze wanted you to share it with the Trumps?

15 A. Again, I believe, in subsequent emails,
16 where the logistics come into it, I pushed back a
17 number of times and say quite clearly, isn't this
18 the exact same thing that was presented, with very
19 lukewarm response.

20 Q. Let's turn your attention back now to the
21 press reporting around July of 2017 about the June
22 9th meeting. I would like you to take a look at
23 Exhibit 22, which we had earlier this afternoon.

24 So you will recall that this was the
25 document where you referred to having received an

1 interesting call regarding the meeting at Trump
2 Tower last year. And you testified earlier today
3 that this was a call from Alan Garten.

4 A. I believe it was from Alan Garten, yes.

5 Q. And Mr. Garten asked for your
6 recollection of the June 9th meeting; is that
7 right?

8 A. That is correct.

9 Q. Did Mr. Garten ask you about anyone
10 else's recollection of the meeting during that
11 call?

12 A. I don't believe he asked me about their
13 recollections, no.

14 Q. At any time, did he ask about any other
15 person's recollection of the meeting?

16 A. Not recollections, no.

17 Q. Did he ask anything to do with other
18 people's accounts of the meeting?

19 A. Not their accounts.

20 Q. What did he ask about other people?

21 A. If I knew the name of the Russian
22 attorney and also if I knew the name of the
23 Agalarov's representative.

24 Q. And what did you say in response to those
25 questions?

1 A. That I would -- I did know the name of
2 the representative, and I would send that to him,
3 and I would find out the name of the Russian
4 attorney. I actually couldn't even remember the
5 name of the Russian attorney.

6 Q. And you did eventually share that name,
7 Ms. Veselnitskaya?

8 A. I believe so, yes.

9 Q. Who was the representative you are
10 referring to?

11 A. Ike Kaveladze.

12 Q. And you referred to him as a
13 representative. Why do you use that term?

14 A. Because I don't know exactly what he
15 does, and in this instance, I saw him as a
16 representative of the Agalarovs.

17 Q. And what was the precise question, as
18 best you can recall, from Mr. Garten when he asked
19 about the representative?

20 A. I don't recall the exact question, to be
21 honest. But I know there was a question of, could
22 I remember the name of the Russian attorney for
23 sure? And then I think -- I think he just asked
24 me as simple as, what was the name of the
25 Agalarov's representative? I think the word

1 "representative" was what was used.

2 Q. Can you recall anything else from that
3 conversation? So far, he has asked you for your
4 recollection of the meeting, and he has asked you
5 the identity of two persons.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Is there anything else you can recall
8 from that conversation?

9 A. Not that I can recall, no.

10 Q. Is that the totality of the conversation
11 that you can remember?

12 A. That I can remember, yes.

13 Q. How long did the call last? Do you
14 recall?

15 A. I don't.

16 BY MS. SAWYER:

17 Q. So you describe it as an interesting
18 call. Why was it interesting to you?

19 A. It's possibly my -- I don't want to use
20 sarcasm because it's not sarcastic. It's to -- I
21 don't mean interesting as in necessarily the
22 content. I mean interesting as in out of the
23 blue, out of the ordinary, and I'm trying to imply
24 that it's -- I'm now using these horrible air
25 quotes -- that it's interesting. It's something

1 you should pay attention to.

2 Q. You described it as out of the blue. Did
3 Mr. Garten explain to you why he was asking you
4 about that meeting?

5 A. He said, at the time, that there had been
6 some leaks.

7 Q. Did you ask him leaks of what?

8 A. I did say that. That is exactly what I
9 said, leaks of what? And he said of emails to do
10 with this June 9th meeting.

11 Q. Did he explain who the leaks had been to?

12 A. To the media.

13 Q. And he was explaining this to you on June
14 3rd?

15 A. He was explaining that to me -- he
16 explained it to me, whether it was on June 3rd or
17 whether it was in our follow-up conversation that
18 happened I think a week later, a few days later, I
19 can't be sure. But over the course of those
20 conversations, that is what was explained to me by
21 him.

22 Q. And did he explain what email he was
23 talking about? You said he had said there had
24 been leaks of an email, the email?

25 A. At the time, he said an email.

1 Q. And did you ask him what email he was
2 talking about?

3 A. I did, and he said the email that I had
4 sent to Mr. Trump Jr. regarding a meeting at Trump
5 Tower.

6 Q. Did you remember the email?

7 A. I remembered sending the email. I didn't
8 remember or recall the detail of the email at the
9 time.

10 Q. Did you then go back and look at the
11 email?

12 A. I did not.

13 Q. So when you were speaking with him, you
14 didn't have the email in front of you?

15 A. I didn't.

16 Q. Did he ask you anything about that email?

17 A. No, I don't believe so, initially, no.
18 He asked me about the meeting.

19 Q. Did you ask him to see the email?

20 A. I didn't.

21 Q. Why didn't you?

22 A. Because he had said it was an email that
23 I had sent, so by default, I knew that I could
24 look for it at some later point.

25 Q. And do you recall when you actually did

1 then go back and look for it?

2 A. No, I don't. I really don't recall the
3 time frame.

4 Q. You didn't go back and look for it before
5 you sent this message to Ike?

6 A. I don't know.

7 Q. And in talking to you about the meeting -
8 -

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. -- did he indicate to you at all what
11 other people had said about what happened at the
12 meeting?

13 A. He did not.

14 Q. Okay.

15 BY MR. PRIVOR:

16 Q. That conversation over the text took
17 place on June 3rd. Do you recall whether you met
18 in person with Ike Kaveladze at any time after
19 that, near in time?

20 MR. GAGE: I just have a comment about the
21 date. I'm not certain that that date is tied
22 necessarily to these texts.

23 MR. PRIVOR: We'll ask that as a question
24 then.

25 BY MR. PRIVOR:

1 Q. Do you know the date of the text message
2 that refers to the interesting call that you
3 received from Alan Garten?

4 A. Only based on what I'm seeing here.

5 Q. And to the best of your recollection, was
6 it on or about June 3rd?

7 A. I don't know the answer to that.

8 Q. Do you have reason to believe it was
9 sometime after June 3rd?

10 A. Not necessarily, no.

11 Q. What's your best memory of when that
12 conversation over text actually took place?

13 A. Well, the only memory I have of it is
14 seeing this. So to that end, this is what I'm
15 currently accepting.

16 Q. Did there come a time when you met with
17 Ike Kaveladze in person in June of 2017?

18 A. I had -- oh, I didn't have. I attended a
19 lunch that he was having in New York sometime
20 before I left to go overseas at the end of June,
21 but I don't know the date of it.

22 Q. Do you recall meeting with Roman
23 Benjaminov around the same time?

24 A. The lunch was, in fact, with Roman
25 Benjaminov and Jason Tropea.

1 Q. What was discussed -- as well as Ike
2 Kaveladze?

3 A. As well as Ike Kaveladze.

4 Q. So the participants were you, Mr. Tropea,
5 Mr. Beniaminov, and Mr. Kaveladze.

6 A. They had lunch. I was doing something
7 else and stopped by at the very end just to say
8 hello.

9 Q. Do you know what the purpose of their
10 lunch was?

11 A. I don't.

12 Q. When you arrived at the lunch to stop by,
13 did you have a conversation with them?

14 A. I was basically doing a kind of goodbye
15 because I was leaving for 7 or 8 months to go to
16 Asia. So I knew that Mr. Kaveladze was in town,
17 and it was a chance to kind of say goodbye to him.
18 And with the other two, I saw them quite a lot,
19 but, again, this would probably be the last or one
20 of the last times I would see them until 2018.

21 Q. Was there any discussion at the lunch
22 about the June 9th meeting?

23 A. Not the part that I attended.

24 Q. Right, just focusing on your personal
25 knowledge of while you were in attendance.

1 A. Not while I was in attendance.

2 Q. Did you ever come to learn that they did
3 talk about the June 9th meeting outside of your
4 presence?

5 A. I haven't learned that.

6 Q. Did you ever come to learn what was
7 discussed at the lunch when you weren't there?

8 A. No.

9 Q. So focusing just on your time at the
10 luncheon, was there any discussion about the
11 Trumps?

12 A. Not that I can recall. I was there for a
13 very, very short time, maybe 15, 20 minutes at the
14 most.

15 Q. Was there any discussion about the
16 election of 2016, the presidential election?

17 A. Not that I can recall, no.

18 Q. Is there anything that you can recall
19 from the conversation that was not simply a
20 personal discussion related to the fact that you
21 were leaving the country soon?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Let's take a look at --

24 MS. SAWYER: Can I just ask a question about
25 the exhibit we were talking about, that Exhibit

1 22?

2 BY MS. SAWYER:

3 Q. So up at the top, it does have that date,
4 June 3rd, 2017. But your lawyer has indicated
5 that might not be the date.

6 MR. GAGE: You know, just to advance the
7 process --

8 MS. SAWYER: Yes.

9 MR. GAGE: I may have made a mistake. Give
10 me just 2 minutes to speak to Rob.

11 MS. SAWYER: Sure.

12 MR. GAGE: We talked about taking a break.
13 In the interest of clarity and accuracy.

14 MS. SAWYER: Absolutely. We can go off the
15 record.

16 MR. PRIVOR: We will go off the record at
17 2:09.

18 [Off the record 2:09 p.m. to 2:11 p.m.]

19 MR. PRIVOR: Back on the record at 2:11.

20 MS. SAWYER: Great.

21 BY MS. SAWYER:

22 Q. So just going back to Exhibit 22, you
23 were just checking to clarify whether or not the
24 date on that document, June 3rd, was the correct
25 date.

1 A. It does appear to be the correct date.

2 Q. Okay, great.

3 There's just a note up there at the top:
4 Messages to this chat and calls are now secured
5 with end-to-end encryption. Tap for more info.

6 Can you explain again, which application
7 were you using?

8 A. WhatsApp.

9 Q. WhatsApp. And was that something that
10 you had just selected at that point in time to
11 start encrypting? Why would that message appear
12 at that point in time?

13 A. I have no idea. I don't believe I
14 selected anything or had changed anything at all.

15 Q. Okay, so that just automatically appeared
16 on that particular day.

17 A. I have no idea. Well, it seems to be
18 there, so yes would be the answer.

19 Q. And do you know whether or not the
20 messages were encrypted before this date?

21 A. We may have some that I can refer to. I
22 don't know. Maybe there are some other ones.

23 I'm actually just trying to find one that
24 has the date the same way as this, and so far, I
25 don't see one.

1 None of these have the start of it there
2 as a date. So I have to say, based on just having
3 these to refer to, I don't know.

4 Q. But it wasn't something that you recall
5 specifically selecting.

6 A. It wasn't something I recall selecting at
7 all.

8 Q. Okay.

9 BY MR. PRIVOR:

10 Q. Okay, let's turn your attention to
11 Exhibit 23, which you also have in front of you.
12 This was an email from Alan Garten to you on June
13 26th, asking for a call the next today.

14 I just wanted to know, I noticed that he,
15 Alan, writes to you, "Hey, Rob," as if he is very
16 familiar with you. What was your, before this
17 email, what was your experience interacting with
18 him?

19 A. I had had one or I think two calls with
20 him. Outside of that, I'd never heard of him.

21 Q. What was the purpose of your prior calls?

22 A. He had left me a message to call him, and
23 then he called me and asked if I could have a call
24 with him and Alan Futerfas.

25 Q. So were both of those prior calls with

1 regard to the June 9th meeting?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. And did you have any substantive
4 conversation with him in those two prior calls?

5 A. Did you say substantive conversation?

6 Q. Yes.

7 A. No. And the "Rob," I mean, that's my
8 name.

9 Q. Do you recall when those two prior calls
10 occurred?

11 A. I believe one of them would've occurred
12 prior to the June 3rd text, and I believe that I'm
13 referring to Ike, when I said I had an interesting
14 call, that it's from him. I don't recall when the
15 second one would've been.

16 Q. When you refer to the text, you are
17 talking about Exhibit 22?

18 A. I am, yes.

19 Q. Just so the record is clear.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Thank you.

22 Do you know what, other than the June 3rd
23 text and that call, do you recall whether the
24 second call was before or after that one?

25 A. I don't recall.

1 Q. Do you recall what prompted Mr. Garten to
2 call you?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Do you know if anyone asked him to call
5 you?

6 A. I don't know.

7 Q. Let's turn to Exhibit 24.

8 A. For some reason, mine are out of order.

9 Q. So Exhibit 24 is now June 27th. You
10 writing to Alan Garten is sort of the lower half
11 of the page.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And that is regarding the call, which
14 seems to be a reference to the prior Exhibit 23
15 that we were just looking at.

16 You were sending Alan Garten contact
17 information for Ike Kaveladze.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Do you recall why you were sending Ike's
20 contact information?

21 A. Because he had asked me if I had contact
22 information for the representative of the
23 Agalarovs who was at the meeting.

24 Q. So you were now providing the contact
25 information.

1 A. I was.

2 Q. Do you recall any substantive discussion
3 about Ike's participation in the June 9th meeting?

4 A. I don't recall any.

5 Q. Do you recall if he asked you anything
6 about Ike's participation in the meeting?

7 A. I don't recall him asking.

8 Q. Do you know if Mr. Garten, in fact, spoke
9 to Ike Kaveladze?

10 A. I don't know.

11 Q. You didn't have any further conversation
12 with Ike about his call with Mr. Garten?

13 A. I don't believe I did, no.

14 Q. Did you alert Mr. Kaveladze that you had
15 shared his contact information?

16 A. I'm not sure I did.

17 Q. Would it be common practice to share his
18 contact information with another lawyer without
19 telling him?

20 A. I was -- I believed I was sharing just
21 his contact, nothing more than that. He had been
22 a participant in the meeting.

23 Q. Let's take a look at Exhibit 25.

24 MR. GAGE: I tried.

25 MR. GOLDSTONE: I know. I don't know why I

1 can't make the numbers work.

2 MR. GAGE: Here you go. I'm just trying to
3 get them back in order. Okay.

4 BY MR. PRIVOR:

5 Q. Okay. Mr. Davis has gone through several
6 parts of this email, so I just want to clarify a
7 few points on it.

8 So on June 27th, you were writing to Emin
9 Agalarov that you set up a meeting in October,
10 which you testified earlier was just --

11 A. It's an error.

12 Q. -- a mistake. It was actually in June.

13 You had been interviewed by attorneys for
14 the second time. You stated that was Mr. Garten
15 and probably Mr. Futerfas.

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And you said, I did say at the time this
18 was an awful idea and a terrible meeting.

19 Do you recall to whom you made that
20 comment?

21 A. Emin.

22 Q. And to anyone else other than Emin?

23 A. Ike.

24 Q. And anyone else other than Emin and Ike?

25 A. No.

1 Q. I think we've talked about your
2 conversation with Emin, but with regard to Ike,
3 when you expressed that it was an awful idea and a
4 terrible meeting, what can you recall from that
5 conversation?

6 A. Simply that it was a request from Mr. A.
7 He often referred -- in fact, almost always
8 referred to Aras Agalarov as Mr. A.

9 Q. How long did that conversation last?

10 A. I have no idea.

11 Q. A little bit further down --

12 BY MS. SAWYER:

13 Q. And do you recall what his response was?

14 A. To?

15 Q. To you saying that it was a --

16 A. Awful and terrible. I don't know if I
17 used the exact same words to him, but that it was
18 a request from Mr. A.

19 Q. That was his response?

20 A. That was his response. It was a request
21 from Mr. A.

22 Q. And did he agree or disagree with you in
23 any way?

24 A. I don't think he himself gave an opinion.
25 Yeah, it was obvious to me from his response.

1 Q. What was obvious?

2 A. That the request had come from his boss -
3 - I don't know how you do that word. His -- the
4 person that he works for.

5 Q. Right. But did you take that to mean he
6 didn't agree with it? Or he was just expressing
7 no opinion on --

8 A. Expressing no opinion on it.

9 Q. And what did you explain to him? Did he
10 ask you why you thought it was a bad idea, a
11 terrible idea? An awful idea and a terrible
12 meeting.

13 A. Yeah. I don't believe he did. I think
14 he just ended it with, it's a request from Mr. A.

15 MS. SAWYER: Okay.

16 BY MR. PRIVOR:

17 Q. Near the bottom of that long paragraph,
18 you state, I don't even know for sure who these
19 Russian people were, but hopefully Ike can answer
20 for them.

21 What did you have in mind when you
22 thought that Ike could answer for them?

23 A. That because he had coordinated the
24 meeting, the situation was always that I would ask
25 and hopefully get the meeting, and then Ike would

1 coordinate the meeting. That I had no idea,
2 outside of this Russian attorney, really who these
3 other two people were. I knew one was probably
4 the translator, from what I had been told. But I
5 still wasn't sure who this other person was. So
6 what I was saying was that Ike could probably
7 provide that information.

8 Q. You just said other than the Russian
9 attorney. Did you know anything about her before
10 the June 9th meeting took place?

11 A. No, but I knew she was at least a Russian
12 attorney, based on what had been said.

13 Q. Did you know anything about what type of
14 attorney she was, whether she worked for the
15 government or not, for instance?

16 A. No. I believed she did, based on my
17 email, but I didn't know that she did.

18 Q. The last line of this large paragraph
19 says that you are not happy being put in this
20 situation with Federal attorneys investigating.
21 Who were the Federal attorneys that you had in
22 mind?

23 A. Well, I actually was referring to people
24 like Garten, Futerfas. I don't know if they were
25 Federal or not. It's just a word. I wanted it to

1 sound serious, so I put Federal attorneys. But I
2 was referring to now we have these people
3 investigating the meeting and goodness knows who
4 else.

5 So it's my way of saying this is really
6 serious.

7 Q. At the time you wrote this email in June
8 of 2017, were you aware that there were, in fact,
9 Federal investigations going on both at Congress
10 and Robert Mueller on behalf of the Department of
11 Justice?

12 A. I don't know if, on this particular date,
13 I was aware of it. I mean, obviously I am aware
14 of it. I don't know when I became aware of that.

15 Q. We spoke earlier of the FBI having
16 possibly contacted your attorney. Were you aware
17 at this time that the FBI was investigating?

18 A. I don't believe I was.

19 Q. Is it possible, when you refer to Federal
20 attorneys, that you are referring to actual
21 Federal Government lawyers?

22 A. I mean, it is possible, in very generic
23 and general terms. But I'm trying to say it's
24 important, pay attention.

25 Q. And that was your way of getting the

1 attention of Emin? Is that right?

2 A. Yes.

3 BY MS. SAWYER:

4 Q. A little earlier in that email, it says,
5 "They are concerned because it links Don Jr. to
6 officials from Russia -- which he has always
7 denied meeting."

8 Who is the "they"?

9 A. The -- Garten, Futerfas.

10 Q. And had they said that to you? Had they
11 expressed that concern to you?

12 A. They had mentioned that, you know, had I
13 seen in the press, there had been some random
14 comment about had I seen reports about Russia and
15 something about not the meeting as such, but I
16 think they said something about -- they definitely
17 said something about Don and about Russia, yes.

18 And my words in there, which is always
19 denied meeting, I think is just from stuff I had
20 seen in the press.

21 Q. Did they say to you that they were
22 concerned because it links Don Jr. to officials
23 from Russia?

24 A. I don't recall. I really don't recall.

25 Q. Do you know if that's how they explained

1 to you why they were calling you, that they wanted
2 to ask you about the reports about Don Jr. and a
3 meeting with Russian officials?

4 A. I believe they called initially to just
5 ask me about my participation in the meeting and
6 as the person who had sent an email that set it
7 up. In the course of that, I don't know if they
8 said that specifically.

9 Q. At what point in time -- you sent this on
10 June 27th -- did you become aware that they were
11 concerned about the meeting for that reason?

12 A. Well, I had started to see a lot of press
13 reports about Russia and Trump and all of that, so
14 some of this may be a mixture of my supposition
15 again, mixed in with the fact.

16 Q. So at the time that you are considering
17 what statements to make about the meeting, you are
18 aware that there is a concern that it links Don
19 Jr. to officials from Russia?

20 A. Potentially, yes.

21 Q. Did you keep that in mind when you were
22 making your statements?

23 A. My own statement?

24 Q. Yes.

25 A. I wrote my statement as I believed was

1 the truth.

2 Q. And you were aware that there had been a
3 concern among the lawyers that represented Mr.
4 Trump that it links Don Jr. to officials from
5 Russia at that time?

6 A. Was I aware of that?

7 Q. Yes.

8 A. I would have been aware of that.

9 BY MR. PRIVOR:

10 Q. Do you recall what prompted you to
11 prepare a statement initially?

12 A. Yes. I was being inundated with media
13 requests. I also was overseas at the time, and it
14 was very difficult to deal with. And I also work
15 in the media, so many of the people who were
16 calling me were people that I have, for many
17 years, worked with. And it was proving very
18 difficult just to avoid them. A lot of my friends
19 were in the media, a lot of the people I was
20 friends with were in the media.

21 And this story was obviously becoming
22 very serious. I felt I needed to prepare a
23 statement of my own and of my own writing that
24 told the truth the way I recalled it.

25 Q. Had you already spoken to the press

1 before you prepared a statement?

2 A. I had. I was in Athens when I received a
3 call out of the blue from the Washington Post.

4 Q. What did you discuss with the Washington
5 Post?

6 A. They called me and said, I'm not sure if
7 you saw a report in the New York Times yesterday -
8 - which I hadn't -- that there had been some leaks
9 of emails from, I believe, Mr. Trump Jr. regarding
10 a meeting at Trump Tower. And she said, we have
11 reason to believe that you sent those emails. Did
12 you send those emails?

13 Q. What did you tell her?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Did you tell her that you were sending
16 the email on the behalf of someone else?

17 A. I believe, at that time, I just said that
18 I sent the emails on behalf of a client, but I
19 don't believe I named the client at the time.

20 Q. Were you trying to hide the identity of
21 your client?

22 A. I was trying to protect the identity of
23 my client at that time, until I could find out
24 more about any of this. I had just got off a
25 cruise ship and had been on -- I mean, I hadn't

1 been on land for 10 days, so I had no idea,
2 really, what was even going on.

3 Q. What was it that you were trying to
4 protect? I mean, why were you trying to withhold
5 the name of your client?

6 A. I was trying to, having just been told
7 this, I was just trying to get some time to see
8 what it was. I hadn't read the New York Times. I
9 had no idea what she was talking about in the
10 report. So before I said anything about anybody,
11 I thought it would be prudent to perhaps just read
12 something first, investigate, see what I could
13 find out.

14 Q. Did you reach out to Emin at that point,
15 to ask him if he wanted his name revealed?

16 A. I didn't reach out to ask him that, no.

17 Q. Did you have any discussion with him
18 about whether or not his identity should be
19 disclosed?

20 A. I did not. I told him I hadn't disclosed
21 his identity.

22 Q. Did you have any conversations with
23 either Mr. Garten or Mr. Futerfas about whether or
24 not you should disclose who originated the request
25 for the June 9th meaning?

1 A. I don't believe so, no.

2 Q. Did you have any conversations with
3 anyone from the Trump Organization regarding the
4 identity of the person who had originated the
5 request?

6 A. I don't believe so.

7 MR. PRIVOR: I'm going to show you our next
8 exhibit, which is Exhibit 32. It is a one-page
9 document, SJ-C-KAV00127. This is an email from you
10 to Emin Agalarov on July 9th, 2017, at 7:05 a.m.,
11 subject regarding statement. It is actually a
12 series of emails.

13 [Goldstone Exhibit 32 was marked for
14 identification.]

15 BY MR. PRIVOR:

16 Q. Take a moment to look that over, and
17 let me know if you recognize that document.

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. Is this email recounting your interaction
20 with the Washington Post reporter that you had
21 just described?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. You state here, about the middle of the
24 paragraph, I tried to assure her, which I think is
25 a reference to the reporter --

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. -- that I had been the one requesting Don
3 meet with her and would not comment on who
4 originated the request in Moscow.

5 Did the reporter push back to ask you who
6 the identity of the person who originated the
7 request was?

8 A. I believe she did ask if it was Emin
9 Agalarov.

10 Q. Do you recall what you responded?

11 A. I don't.

12 Q. But did you disclose Emin's name at the
13 time?

14 A. I did not.

15 Q. You state at the bottom of that paragraph
16 that the FBI may be investigating this meeting and
17 ask for further thoughts.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. How did you know the FBI may be
20 investigating?

21 A. Well, I think it says they also say FBI
22 may be investigating, and I am talking previously
23 about Trump lawyers. So I assume, and I know it's
24 bad to assume, that in a conversation I had, based
25 on what I'm writing here, they must've said that

1 to me.

2 Q. So the they in that --

3 A. Would be the Trump lawyers.

4 Q. -- refers to Mr. Garten and Mr. Futerfas?

5 A. Yes, it appears so, yes.

6 Q. You state just before that, Trump lawyers
7 are also in a statement apparently saying the
8 reason for the meeting was "misrepresented" by us
9 and that her agenda was Magnitsky Act and
10 adoption.

11 What's your understanding of why it was
12 misrepresented? Were you aware that the Trump
13 lawyers had issued a statement suggesting that the
14 reason for the meeting was misrepresented?

15 A. Well, I believe I'm saying -- and again,
16 I'm writing this from a sort of phone in Greece at
17 the time -- that, apparently, they're saying the
18 reason was that the meeting was misrepresented by
19 us. So I don't really think I know at this stage
20 what they're saying, but I'm saying, apparently,
21 that's what they're saying.

22 Q. What gave you the impression that they
23 had said it was misrepresented?

24 A. I believe I may have had a statement or
25 suggestion of a statement from them at that stage

1 as to something that we could potentially put out.

2 Q. You also state -- I think this is a
3 further reference to their statement -- that her
4 agenda -- do you know who the "her" is that is
5 referred to? Is that Ms. Veselnitskaya?

6 A. Probably. But I will just look. One
7 second. Her agenda, yes, Ms. Veselnitskaya.

8 Q. And so her agenda was Magnitsky Act and
9 adoption. Was that an accurate summation of what
10 you understood the meeting to be about?

11 A. So I understand it, you are asking me if
12 that's an accurate representation of what I feel
13 or what I understand the meeting I attended to be
14 about.

15 Q. That's correct.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. So you believe that's an accurate
18 description.

19 A. Of what it turned out to be about, yes.

20 Q. You suggest or ask the question here,
21 should we prepare a statement? Emin responds,
22 sure, let's prep a statement.

23 And then at the top of the page, you've
24 now provided, what about this as a statement?

25 You state, it should come from, I think,

1 either Aras, you, or me, or maybe from Crocus
2 Group as a whole.

3 And then you have a statement, the
4 meeting that took place in June 2016 between Ms. X
5 and representatives of the Trump campaign was the
6 result of a personal request by us and in no way
7 connected with the Russian Government or any of
8 its officials.

9 Was that statement an accurate summary of
10 what you understood the meeting to be about?

11 A. It was an accurate representation of my
12 horror at that moment in time of having arrived on
13 dry land to be told by the Washington Post that
14 emails that I had sent referring to this had been
15 leaked.

16 Q. What was the horror that you referenced?

17 A. That I was being bombarded by journalists
18 asking about my connections with Russia and
19 meetings and Don Jr. and the Trumps and the
20 President. I found it quite anxiety-inducing and
21 quite disturbing.

22 Q. Apart from the anxiety-producing aspect
23 of it, was your statement that you suggested here,
24 was that an accurate representation of what you
25 understood had taken place at the June 9th

1 meeting?

2 A. It was a personal request by us. Yes. I
3 believe it wasn't a request from the Russian
4 Government. It was a request from us. The
5 request had come from Emin to me.

6 MR. GAGE: I think the focus is on the
7 request, not the substance of the meeting itself.

8 MR. GOLDSTONE: The request, yes.

9 BY MR. PRIVOR:

10 Q. That request, though, as you described it
11 in Exhibit 1, which you will recall is the
12 original email to Donald Trump Jr., you described
13 it there as related to the Russian Government. So
14 what changed with this statement? Why are you
15 describing it as just a personal request?

16 A. Because the request itself was a personal
17 request.

18 Q. Did you have any understanding at the
19 time, though, whether or not the Agalarovs were
20 seeking the request either on behalf of or at the
21 behest of the Russian Government?

22 A. I did not.

23 Q. And that's something you don't know one
24 way or the other? Is that right?

25 A. That is correct.

1 Q. You don't have any personal knowledge of
2 whether the Agalarovs were, in fact, seeking a
3 meeting on behalf of the government?

4 A. That is correct.

5 BY MS. SAWYER:

6 Q. And why was that point the point that you
7 decided to make in this statement, that it wasn't
8 a meeting connected with the Russian Government or
9 any of its officials? Why did you focus on that?

10 A. Because I was scared, because I didn't
11 understand all of the implications, but I knew
12 that this was very serious. And because I had sat
13 in that meeting and seen that this lady, to me,
14 wanted to discuss the Magnitsky Act and wanted to
15 talk about adoption, I felt that was something I
16 had to get across, that it was a personal request,
17 and it didn't appear to come from anything to do
18 with the Russian Government.

19 Q. That isn't exactly what your statement
20 says. It says very declaratively: in no way
21 connected with the Russian Government or any of
22 its officials.

23 A. Well, it's also not a statement I put
24 out. It's a suggestion. So it's kind of up for
25 discussion now as to what anybody wanted to do

1 with it. But this is what I wanted to put.

2 I wanted to deflect the idea, having sat
3 in that meeting and heard what it was about, that
4 anybody would think, going forward, that there was
5 some Russian Government involvement, because even
6 if there had been, it wasn't anything I had any
7 knowledge of.

8 Q. And by this time, you've had the
9 conversation with the Trump Organization lawyers
10 where they have expressed to you a concern about
11 the meeting, because it links Don Jr. to meeting
12 with Russian officials?

13 A. Yes.

14 BY MR. PRIVOR:

15 Q. Let's have you turn your attention to
16 Exhibit 27. You will recall this is the email
17 that originated with you asking Alan Garten for
18 the statement that they put out on behalf of
19 Donald Trump Jr.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And you can see on Bates page 132, Donald
22 Trump Jr.'s statement is there on the bottom third
23 of the page.

24 Earlier, you had testified, and I'm not
25 certain it's with respect to this exhibit, I just

1 want to be clear, you had said that you didn't
2 adopt what his statement said because you found it
3 ludicrous.

4 A. It was a different statement.

5 Q. It was a different one. Okay.

6 So let's talk about this one then. Were
7 you ever asked to comment on this particular
8 statement? You said you hadn't seen it before.
9 Were you ever asked for any input on the
10 statement?

11 A. I was not.

12 Q. Were you ever consulted on any of the
13 details that are contained in this statement?

14 A. I was not.

15 Q. Okay. Let's go to the beginning of
16 Donald Trump Jr.'s statement, where he states, or
17 whoever wrote it states, I was asked to have a
18 meeting by an acquaintance I knew from the 2013
19 Miss Universe pageant.

20 Would that acquaintance be you? Is that
21 a reference to you?

22 A. I assume it's me. I mean, both myself
23 and Emin were both acquaintances that he knew from
24 there, but in this instance, I assume it's me.

25 Q. Would you describe yourself as an

1 acquaintance of Donald Trump Jr. or something
2 more?

3 A. Not more but at best an acquaintance.

4 Q. At the end of this statement, it states,
5 my father knew nothing of the meeting or these
6 events.

7 Do you have any idea whether or not
8 Donald Trump Jr.'s father, who is now the
9 President, was ever made aware of the June 9th
10 meeting?

11 A. I don't know.

12 Q. Did you ever have any discussion with him
13 yourself about the June 9th meeting?

14 A. I did not.

15 Q. Have you ever reached out to any
16 representative who can communicate for him, such
17 as Rhona Graff, about the June 9th meeting?

18 A. I believe not.

19 Q. In the middle of the page, you thanked
20 Alan Garten for sending this, and you refer to the
21 Washington Post call. And then you say, I did not
22 reveal who had requested the meeting or any other
23 details. Was there a reason that you did not want
24 to reveal who had requested the meeting?

25 A. Can you just repeat that last part of it

1 again?

2 Q. Was there any reason that you did not
3 want to reveal who had requested the meeting or
4 any other details?

5 A. Yes. As I said, I wanted to protect my
6 client.

7 Q. Did anyone ask you to not reveal the
8 identity of your client?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Did anyone suggest to you not to reveal
11 the identity of your client?

12 A. No.

13 Q. So that was entirely your decision?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. I am going to have you take a look at --

16 BY MS. SAWYER:

17 Q. In that message, you say that when you
18 were contacted, the Washington Post had "incorrect
19 spin on it." What did that mean?

20 A. It means -- I don't know the specifics,
21 because I don't have the story in front of me, but
22 that they had details or facts or something -- I
23 mean, spin is just a word -- I'm sure you know the
24 word -- the angle or whatever they took on it that
25 I believed to be -- what do I say? I don't know,

1 incorrect or not quite right.

2 Q. And do you recall what you felt was
3 incorrect about it?

4 A. I don't, unfortunately.

5 Q. And it doesn't actually sound like she
6 has a story. She said running with information
7 that I had set up the meeting and had incorrect
8 spin on it.

9 But you don't recall what her spin on
10 your setting up of the meeting was?

11 A. No, I don't.

12 Q. Could I have you take a look at Exhibit
13 26?

14 A. Yes.

15 MR. PRIVOR: We will go off the record, when
16 she can come back in and take us off the record.

17 We are going to go off the record. It is
18 2:42.

19 [Recess 2:42 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.]

20 MR. PRIVOR: We are back on the record at
21 2:50 p.m.

22 BY MR. PRIVOR:

23 Q. I would like you to take a look at
24 Exhibit 26, which I think you have in front of
25 you. I just have a few questions about this

1 document.

2 So sticking with the first page of the
3 document, Bates page 228, Mr. Davis had asked you
4 about the second text box that refers to the
5 lawyers accepting we were just acquaintances. And
6 you thought that that might have been --

7 A. Media, journalists. I see two boxes.

8 Q. Later, you say, but tell me the media is
9 keen to know who set up the meeting.

10 Is that Emin writing to you?

11 A. No.

12 Q. That is you writing to Emin.

13 A. Let me just read this. Yes, it's the
14 same thing. It's -- we can use the word media or
15 journalists, whichever fit. But it is that the
16 media -- let's just use that -- accept we are
17 acquaintances, but tell me the media is also keen
18 to know who set up the meeting. That's not going
19 away is what I'm trying to tell him.

20 Q. So you have media in the second instance
21 --

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. -- where you said lawyers --

24 A. So this should be journalists then. So
25 the journalists accepted we are just

1 acquaintances, awesome -- but they tell me the
2 media is also keen to know who set up the meeting.

3 My meaning there is it's not going away.
4 They want to know who set up the meeting.

5 Q. Okay. So you are certain that the first
6 instance where you said lawyers, you meant media
7 or journalists.

8 A. Yes, because at that stage, there weren't
9 any other lawyers.

10 Q. Do you know what the date is of this? Or
11 do you have a best guess of when this was sent?

12 A. Yes, best guess would be, you know, I was
13 called July 9th -- so hold on a sec. It's July 9
14 or 10, but I am 8 hours ahead in Athens, so I
15 would say it is probably July 10.

16 Q. Let's skip ahead two pages to Bates page
17 230, the middle of the page: They all asked about
18 you.

19 Is that "they" a reference to the
20 journalists again?

21 A. I'll just look. Yes, "they" is media.

22 Q. But I have said request was from me.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Meaning you were trying not to disclose
25 your client's name again?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Is that right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. The very next box: Let's see if that
5 holds.

6 What did you mean by that?

7 A. Let's see if -- let's see if that holds
8 or if they end up finding out that it was you and,
9 therefore -- without me even telling them.

10 Q. Why were you so intent on making that
11 hold?

12 A. I was quite protective of my clients.
13 And until I was really -- until I felt I was
14 really pushed with no alternative, I didn't want
15 him to go through the same hateful media barrage
16 that I was going through. I was buying some time,
17 perhaps, for him.

18 Q. The next text box, you state that the
19 Post said that the FBI is investigating, which
20 we've discussed. You say why this meeting was
21 asked and if Duma was involved.

22 A. Yep.

23 Q. Did you have any knowledge as to whether
24 or not the Duma was involved?

25 A. I had no knowledge of that, no.

1 Q. Let's have you turn --

2 BY MS. SAWYER:

3 Q. Just before we leave that page, the
4 bottom text: I hope this favor was worth it for
5 your dad -- it could blow up.

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. Was that the end of that text?

8 A. I don't know. I was just looking to see
9 if there was another little bit, but there doesn't
10 appear to be, so I will say yes.

11 Q. Do you know if Emin responded?

12 A. If he did, we don't have it. But, I
13 mean, we provided what was there, so I don't know.

14 Q. Do you know if you ever had a
15 conversation with him or anyone else about that
16 point you were making, this could blow up for Aras
17 Agalarov?

18 A. Well, just to put in context, what I was
19 saying about it could blow up, I was meaning it
20 could blow up meaning that both you and your
21 father will actually be named. That is where I
22 was trying to go with that.

23 Q. In the media?

24 A. In the media. Well, and actually,
25 outside of the media as well. I mean, prior to

1 that, I say the FBI, you know, the Washington Post
2 says the FBI is investigating. It could blow up,
3 you know, if the FBI is investigating. And it has
4 blown up. So that is what I was trying to say.

5 Q. So it could have legal implications for
6 them?

7 A. I was saying -- no. I was saying it
8 could blow up, meaning you may be named and, by
9 default, your father.

10 Q. I'll have you turn to page 232. Mr.
11 Davis had played an audio clip --

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. -- related to that page.

14 And in the audio clip, Emin had referred
15 to a strategy in the audio. Did I hear that
16 correctly?

17 A. I think he talks about a statement or
18 something. I don't know. Could we hear it again,
19 perhaps?

20 MR. PRIVOR: Are we able to replay that
21 again?

22 [Begin audio recording.]

23 MR. EMIN AGALAROV: Rob, I understand your
24 frustration and in no way I'm trying to downsize
25 what's happening. But as you know, as the meeting

1 happened through Ike and my dad, I was not
2 involved, and I was also against all
3 possibilities. The same way right now, any
4 comments should go through them. Just figure out
5 with Ike what the strategy should be. I don't
6 mind you commenting anything. And there's no
7 problem from my side, as you understand.

8 [End audio recording.]

9 MR. GOLDSTONE: I understand.

10 BY MR. PRIVOR:

11 Q. So it sounds like --

12 A. I did --

13 Q. It sounds like Emin referred to speaking
14 to Ike to determine what the strategy is.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Do you have an understanding of what he
17 meant by the strategy?

18 A. I took it to mean the strategy of the
19 statement, when it should be put out, if it should
20 be put out, what should be put out.

21 Q. Did the strategy have anything to do with
22 whether or not, for instance, to identify who your
23 client was, who had requested the meeting?

24 A. I don't know what he meant, but I took it
25 to be those three things I just stated.

1 Q. May I have you turn to page --

2 BY MS. SAWYER:

3 Q. So did you understand him to be
4 encouraging you to coordinate your statement with
5 Mr. Kaveladze?

6 A. No, I understood him to be saying that,
7 in his words, as the meeting was coordinated by
8 Aras and Ike Kaveladze, that they should decide
9 whether a statement should be put out and, hence,
10 the strategy, what should be done with it, not me
11 and not Emin.

12 Q. Okay. And so you understood the
13 coordinate as to what the strategy is just to be
14 referring to the putting out of a statement?

15 A. Yes, and if there should be one, when
16 there should be one, who drafts it.

17 Q. Did anyone ever ask you to speak with Mr.
18 Kaveladze to make sure that you understood what he
19 was saying about the meeting?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Did anyone ever ask you to speak with
22 anybody at all to find out what their version of
23 the meeting was?

24 A. They did not.

25 BY MR. PRIVOR:

1 Q. May I have you turn your attention to
2 Bates page 236? You state: I, myself, will be
3 putting out the following statement shortly.

4 A. Yep.

5 Q. My ideal statement would be: I was asked
6 by my client in Moscow, Emin Agalarov, to request
7 a meeting between Russian attorney and Donald
8 Trump Jr.

9 In this instance, your ideal statement is
10 to identify your client. What changed?

11 A. It became crazier and crazier, and
12 everybody was asking me, the media, is your client
13 Emin Agalarov?

14 Now, again, maybe I don't need to offer
15 this, but I will, I only had one client at that
16 stage, so it wouldn't take a genius.

17 Q. Did you view your client exclusively as
18 Emin or did it also include Aras?

19 A. Emin.

20 Q. Exclusively?

21 A. Exclusively.

22 Q. The next sentence states: The lawyer had
23 apparently stated she had some interesting
24 information regarding funding to the DNC from
25 Russia, which the Trump team might find

1 interesting.

2 You also considered this to be part of
3 your ideal statement?

4 A. I did.

5 Q. So you felt it was important to disclose
6 the part about -- you describe it as interesting
7 information. Before you had described it as
8 damaging information.

9 Why the change of description?

10 A. Because having been in the meeting, I
11 realized that maybe some of the language that I
12 used in order to get the meeting didn't actually
13 match up to it, so I chose to use the word
14 interesting information.

15 Q. But this morning when you testified, you
16 said what prompted the meeting was the potential
17 of damaging information.

18 A. Yes, for sure.

19 Q. So the lawyer stated she had some -- you
20 describe it here as interesting information,
21 whereas this morning you testified that your
22 understanding was the lawyer was offering damaging
23 information.

24 A. Okay. So I think -- maybe I'm saying it
25 two different ways or maybe it is being understood

1 -- what you're asking me now is I'm saying what my
2 ideal statement would be, and my ideal statement
3 is that I would use the words interesting
4 information. That's my ideal statement on July
5 whatever day it is.

6 What I was told in the initial request,
7 that it was damaging information. I just didn't
8 believe that my ideal statement should include the
9 word damaging.

10 Q. If you skip ahead two more pages to 238 -
11 -

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. -- you can see again you stated what your
14 ideal statement would be. You can see the first
15 sentence matches the same as Bates page 236 --

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. -- where you have identified Emin
18 Agalarov as your client.

19 The part about what the lawyer stated
20 about interesting information is no longer part of
21 your "ideal statement." Why is that?

22 A. Well, I just need to just confirm whether
23 this is -- can I just read through this?

24 Q. Yes, please. Take your time.

25 A. So although it doesn't clarify it, I

1 believe that this is Emin's ideal statement, and
2 that's why it is slightly different to mine. And
3 I believe we also provided an audio file in which
4 he says, I believe you're giving a little too much
5 information that you don't need to, and I would do
6 it as this.

7 So I believe that having sent my ideal
8 statement, Emin now responds with what his ideal
9 statement would be.

10 Q. Okay, so if I'm understanding you
11 correctly -- I just want to make sure --

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. -- the record is clear. The description
14 that is on Bates page 236, those are your words?

15 A. They are, indeed.

16 Q. And when we turn to 238, this is now
17 Emin's version of your ideal statement.

18 A. Which is slightly toned down.

19 Q. Okay, so it is Emin who has removed the
20 part about what the lawyer had stated about having
21 some "interesting information."

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay.

24 BY MS. SAWYER:

25 Q. And in your ideal statement, you

1 mentioned the DNC, but you say nothing about
2 Hillary Clinton. Why was that?

3 A. Because I had since -- I had since been
4 in that meeting, and there was nothing about
5 Hillary Clinton.

6 Q. So when you say the lawyer had apparently
7 stated --

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. -- you are talking about during the
10 meeting? Or when are you talking about?

11 A. I will just look again. I'm talking
12 about at the beginning. I've removed Hillary's
13 name from there.

14 I mean Hillary Clinton. It's not like
15 she's my friend, calling her Hillary.

16 But I removed her name from there.

17 Q. On page 236.

18 A. On page 236, yes.

19 Q. You removed it. Was it in there at some
20 point?

21 A. No, no. I mean, I remove it when I
22 suggest my ideal statement. I remove her name.

23 Q. And I think you mentioned this earlier.
24 Her name never came up during that meeting?

25 A. No, her name, I believe, did come up

1 during that meeting, but in a very generic way,
2 not in a way that seemed to relate in any way to
3 what had been stated to me by Emin.

4 I will make that easy to understand.

5 They talked about donations to the DNC
6 and support for its candidate, Hillary Clinton.
7 That is the time her name came up that I heard
8 during the meeting. So it was as an almost as a,
9 would you call it an attachment? It was almost as
10 a, and its candidate, Hillary Clinton.

11 MS. SAWYER: Okay.

12 BY MR. PRIVOR:

13 Q. So focusing you back on Bates page 238.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. We are just continuing with the
16 statement.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. The next sentence is: I reached out to
19 Donald Trump Jr., and he agreed to squeeze us into
20 a very tight schedule.

21 Why did you describe it as a very tight
22 schedule?

23 A. Again, with respect, I believe this is
24 Emin suggesting to me what he would change this
25 to.

1 Q. Okay. And if we look at 236,
2 unfortunately, we have the start of that sentence.
3 We don't know if there is a remark about the very
4 tight schedule.

5 A. Oh, it looks like he had agreed to --
6 yes, it looks like I also wrote that. So -- wait.
7 I'm sorry, so what are you -- what was your
8 question?

9 Q. Why are you describing it as a very tight
10 schedule?

11 A. Oh, because on the way out, Don said,
12 don't worry, we have hundreds of meetings. And,
13 you know, I assumed at the time that was, in the
14 campaign and everything that was going on, it was
15 a very tight schedule.

16 Q. When you initially set up the meeting --

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. -- going back to June 3rd of 2016, which
19 is Exhibit 1, if you need to reference it, your
20 initial exchange with Donald Trump Jr. proposed a
21 meeting at 4 p.m. Do you recall that? Why don't
22 we take a look at Exhibit 1?

23 A. Yes, can we?

24 MR. GAGE: Give us a second to reorganize.

25 MR. PRIVOR: Sure.

1 If you look at Exhibit 4 --

2 MR. GOLDSTONE: I found 4.

3 MR. PRIVOR: I think what we're going to do
4 is we're going to mark a new exhibit that shows
5 the full chain. It's across multiple exhibits.

6 MR. GOLDSTONE: I have it anyway, so.

7 MR. PRIVOR: I am going to show you Exhibit
8 33. Okay, here you go.

9 Exhibit 33 is Bates DJTFP00011895 through
10 897. You will note, for the record, that this is
11 a sort of a collection of various email exchanges
12 between you and Donald Trump Jr.
13 [Goldstone Exhibit 33 was marked for
14 identification.]

15 BY MR. PRIVOR:

16 Q. And you had initially proposed that the
17 meeting would take place at 3 p.m.

18 A. Well, if by initially you mean my initial
19 email, I didn't propose anything in terms of the
20 time.

21 Q. I'm sorry. It's Donald Trump Jr. that
22 proposes. So if you look at the second page of
23 that exhibit at 11896, about a quarter of the way
24 down, you can see, on June 7th, 2016, at 5:16
25 p.m., Donald Trump Jr. proposes 3 o'clock at our

1 offices.

2 A. Yep.

3 Q. I appreciate your help setting it up.

4 And then on page 11895, the first page of
5 the exhibit, now on Wednesday, June 8th, you've
6 informed Mr. Trump that there is a conflict. The
7 Russian attorney is in court until 3 and asks if
8 you can move it until 4.

9 A. Mm-hmm.

10 Q. And then Mr. Trump responds on June 8th,
11 at 11:15: Yes, Rob. I could do that, unless they
12 wanted to do 3 today instead. Just let me know,
13 and I'll lock it in either way.

14 A. Mm-hmm.

15 Q. So it sounds like, reading this email,
16 Donald Trump Jr. is offering to do it at another
17 time, 4 o'clock instead of 3 o'clock, or he is
18 even willing to do it a different day altogether.

19 A. Mm-hmm.

20 Q. Was that your understanding of it being a
21 tight schedule?

22 A. Yes, and that the meeting would be fairly
23 short, which it was. And that we were -- I always
24 got the impression that we would be squeezed in,
25 in some way.

1 Q. Okay. So notwithstanding his flexibility
2 in when he could do it, your understanding of it
3 being a tight schedule is that it would be a short
4 meeting?

5 A. And that it would be slipped into
6 whatever else they had going on.

7 Q. And how did he communicate to you that it
8 was going to be a short meeting?

9 A. He didn't.

10 Q. So what gave you that impression?

11 A. That -- I suppose logic that, if you just
12 look at when it was we asked for this and the time
13 of it and the time frame, I believed that we were
14 being squeezed in.

15 I'm not saying that's correct. I'm just
16 saying I believed that we were being squeezed in.
17 When we asked, whether it was 3 or 4, we would
18 probably be a very short meeting, squeezed between
19 other meetings.

20 Q. So that was just your own inference.

21 A. It was my own inference.

22 Q. It wasn't based on anything that --

23 A. No.

24 Q. -- someone else that said to you?

25 A. No.

1 Q. Continuing with our Exhibit 26, which is
2 the text messages, the next sentence, the Russian
3 attorney presented a few general remarks about
4 campaign funding and quickly turned the topic to
5 the Magnitsky Act and adoption, which carries over
6 to the next page on 239.

7 A. Yep.

8 Q. Adoption of Russian children, at which
9 point the meeting was halted by Don Jr. and we
10 left. Nothing came of that meeting, and there was
11 no follow-up between the parties.

12 In fact, there was some follow-up. Is
13 that right? Was there an effort to arrange a
14 meeting in November 2016?

15 MR. GAGE: Well, two different questions, I
16 have to say. It's the definition of follow-up,
17 but go ahead.

18 MR. PRIVOR: Okay.

19 BY MR. PRIVOR:

20 Q. Well, give me your understanding of
21 whether or not there was follow-up.

22 A. Well, to me, there was no follow-up
23 between the parties, because the only follow-up
24 was Ike Kaveladze asking me on behalf of Aras to
25 set up another meeting.

1 Q. Okay, and as I think you testified
2 earlier today, you don't consider that to be
3 follow-up?

4 A. I don't. Again, I may not be correct,
5 but I don't consider it like that, between the
6 parties. I do consider it to be follow-up, but
7 from Ike or Emin or Aras, not from these Russians,
8 which is what I interpreted it as.

9 Q. Let's take a look at Exhibit 29. Okay,
10 so in Exhibit 29, the sort of bottom third of the
11 first page of that exhibit at Bates page 144,
12 you're making the statement: in hope of
13 clarifying and correcting misconceptions.

14 Do you see where I am?

15 A. Yes, I do.

16 Q. Two more paragraphs down, you said, I,
17 therefore, used the strongest hyperbolic language
18 in order to secure this request from Donald Trump
19 Jr. based on the bare facts I was given.

20 What did you mean by hyperbolic language?

21 A. That I had puffed it and used some
22 keywords that I thought would attract Don Jr.'s
23 attention.

24 Q. And in your colloquy with Mr. Davis
25 earlier, I think he referred to it as sort of the

1 work of a publicist.

2 A. I mean, publicist puff is how they get
3 meetings.

4 Q. What were the bare facts that you had in
5 mind from which you drew your hyperbolic language?

6 A. The conversation I had with Emin that
7 morning.

8 Q. Did you have any concern that, by using
9 hyperbolic language, as you did, you would damage
10 your reputation if you couldn't deliver on what
11 was in that initial email requesting the meeting?

12 A. No. No.

13 Q. Your email, which is in Exhibit 1, refers
14 to providing incriminating information. Did you
15 think that Donald Trump Jr. would be disappointed
16 if you didn't deliver on that promise of
17 information?

18 A. I didn't think it at the time I wrote the
19 email.

20 Q. And you also referred to Russian
21 Government support. Was that part of what was
22 hyperbolic about your statement?

23 A. Yes. It was using a little artistic
24 license.

25 Q. And you referred to high-level, sensitive

1 information. Was that also what you consider to
2 be hyperbolic?

3 A. No. I considered that, if somebody is
4 telling me they have damaging information about
5 someone who is a presidential candidate and the
6 DNC, which kind of operates that presidential
7 candidate and a lot more besides, that, to me, is
8 highly sensitive and confidential, whatever it is.

9 Q. And did you have any concern that any of
10 those descriptions would cause grief for you if
11 you couldn't deliver on what was described in that
12 hyperbolic email?

13 A. I did not when I sent it, no.

14 Q. A couple paragraphs down, you refer to
15 the Crown prosecutor. And you explain here that
16 you are using this language from your U.K.
17 background, in which you refer to all former or
18 current Federal prosecutors as Crown prosecutors.

19 A. Mm-hmm.

20 Q. How did you know that Ms. Veselnitskaya
21 was a Federal prosecutor?

22 A. Emin had said that she was a prosecutor.
23 I didn't know she was Federal, but I had been
24 told she was well-connected. And as I said, I
25 made that glib remark, well, she's not connected

1 to the power grid, so what's she connected to?

2 And still, I didn't get an answer, so I
3 took that to mean she was probably connected to
4 the government.

5 I grew up in England, and when I studied
6 journalism, we had to study a piece of law, a very
7 small piece, but we were taught that all the
8 equivalents of Federal prosecutors in this country
9 were Crown prosecutors. I've always called them
10 Crown. Russia hasn't had a crown since 1917.

11 Q. So your understanding from the outset was
12 that she was some sort of Federal prosecutor?

13 A. That was my understanding, former or
14 current.

15 Q. Okay. And let's go to the next
16 paragraph. The other important fact I wish to
17 make very clear is when I refer to Russian support
18 for Mr. Trump, and the support of Emin and his
19 father, Aras, this was based on having spent time
20 with Mr. Trump and then during the Miss Universe
21 in Moscow.

22 That phrasing, "And then during the Miss
23 Universe," suggests that you knew Mr. Trump before
24 then. What was the time that you had spent with
25 Mr. Trump before then?

1 A. It's, I mean, it's just a badly written
2 email, but it's spent time with Mr. Trump during
3 Miss Universe in Moscow.

4 Q. Okay. So the first time you had met Mr.
5 Trump was in connection with the Miss Universe
6 pageant?

7 A. I had met him on two previous occasions
8 in a professional capacity regarding a couple
9 clients of mine. As I mentioned before, I
10 represent the Friars Club, and I handled their
11 roasts, and Mr. Trump had attended some of those
12 as a guest. And I had organized the red carpet
13 for those, so I had met him at a couple of those.

14 And I also had, in 2010, I believe, had a
15 client who was in the Celebrity Apprentice. And
16 during one of her many breakdowns, I had gone and
17 I had seen Mr. Trump with her there.

18 But the first time I met him properly was
19 in connection with the Miss Universe contest.

20 Q. You had testified earlier today about
21 your time in Russia and having seen high-level
22 business officials who interacted with or had
23 expressed support for Mr. Trump. Do you recall
24 who those high-level business officials were?

25 A. Specifically, the instance I was talking

1 about was during the time Mr. Trump was in Moscow
2 for Miss Universe, and Aras Agalarov had organized
3 a kind of welcome meet and greet for some high-
4 level business officials.

5 The only name I recall is Herman Gref,
6 who was the chairman, maybe still is, the chairman
7 of Sberbank in Russia.

8 And there were about 20, maybe 25, people
9 at Nobu in Moscow. Emin is a co-owner of Nobu, so
10 it was held there. And I witnessed firsthand
11 their adoration of him.

12 Q. Were you at that dinner at Nobu for the
13 duration, the whole dinner?

14 A. Yes. It wasn't a dinner, but it was a --
15 it was kind of like a meet and greet, ask some
16 questions, shake hands, photo, leave.

17 Q. Did you interact with Mr. Trump at that
18 Nobu event?

19 A. Other than Emin and I greeted him -- so
20 it was the day Mr. Trump had arrived in Russia for
21 the Miss Universe pageant. Because he had to
22 delay his arrival by a day, he came straight from
23 the airport. And so the first time Emin and I
24 interacted with him there was at the entrance to
25 Nobu. It was simply a hello, welcome, nice to see

1 you.

2 Q. Other than Mr. Gref, are there any other
3 high-level business officials that you can recall
4 who were at that event?

5 A. There were, but I don't recall who they
6 were.

7 Q. And when you earlier had testified about
8 the high-level business officials, is this the
9 grouping that you had in mind?

10 A. This is the grouping I had in mind.

11 Q. Was there any other event you had in mind
12 that referred to high-level business officials?

13 A. No, although many of Emin and Aras'
14 friends and colleagues who I had met at various
15 family events or concerts also had said, oh,
16 you're American, Mr. Trump, you know, I hope he
17 does well.

18 And they were also high-level business
19 people. And again, I don't know who they are
20 either. But I was referring to a combination of
21 both of those.

22 Q. Okay. So these are people at the Nobu
23 event as well as persons --

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. -- who were friendly with the Agalarovs?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Anyone else that you have in mind?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Was there ever any other time that you
5 discussed the Magnitsky Act with anybody in the
6 Trump Organization?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Or anyone from the Trump campaign?

9 A. No.

10 Q. How about the topic of U.S. sanctions
11 against Russia? Have you ever discussed that
12 topic with anybody in the Trump Organization?

13 A. Not that I recall, no.

14 Q. How about with the Trump campaign?

15 A. Not that I recall.

16 MS. SAWYER: Just a couple.

17 BY MS. SAWYER:

18 Q. At the event that was at Nobu --

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. -- were there any discussions of possible
21 business -- doing business in Russia, the
22 possibility of doing business?

23 A. Between anybody or specifically with Mr.
24 Trump, I assume?

25 Q. Well, let's start with Mr. Trump.

1 A. There -- I can't remember when the
2 subject of the Trump Tower Moscow came up. It may
3 have been -- it may have been during that, because
4 it was another of these very like spur-of-the-
5 moment things when Emin said, you know, should we
6 do a Trump Moscow?

7 But I think it may have been. I think
8 Mr. Trump may have even mentioned that he was
9 doing a Trump Moscow even before there were plans
10 to do a Trump Moscow with Emin.

11 So, yes, that was discussed. Not
12 discussed. That was talked about.

13 Outside of that, no, I didn't hear any
14 other business discussions at all.

15 Q. Okay. And when you say it was talked
16 about, what was said? Who said it?

17 A. I believe he did, Mr. Trump, may have
18 told either the crowd or some journalists after
19 that they were planning to do a Trump Moscow
20 together with the Agalarovs.

21 Q. Was there any discussion other than Mr.
22 Trump telling either the crowd or journalists that
23 he intended to do a Trump Tower?

24 A. Not while I was there, no. Any
25 discussion of business or any discussion of Trump

1 Tower, no to both of those.

2 Q. To both.

3 A. While I was there.

4 Q. Okay. And was there any conversation
5 about business with anyone else from the Trump
6 Organization?

7 A. There was not, no.

8 Q. So that was the only conversation you
9 heard about the possibility of business involving
10 the Trump Organization in Russia?

11 A. At Nobu, yes.

12 Q. Was there a discussion about the
13 possibility of the Trump Organization doing
14 business in Russia at any other time?

15 A. Not that I heard about doing anything
16 specific, no. I heard a press conference that he
17 gave there. I heard two press conferences. And
18 he talked about them having a great economy, how
19 he admired President Putin, and how he hoped to do
20 business. But it was through -- he always
21 referred it back to let's hope we have a Trump
22 Tower. He talked to journalists about it.

23 And as I say, he ran with that before
24 there even was a plan to have a Trump Tower. It
25 was just an idea in Emin's head, at that stage.

1 Q. And those press conferences, that was Mr.
2 Trump Sr.?

3 A. Mr. Trump Sr. Most of them were Mr.
4 Trump Sr., Aras Agalarov, Emin Agalarov.

5 Q. And those were all during the Miss
6 Universe pageant?

7 A. Yes, they were.

8 Q. Just taking you back to that Exhibit 29,
9 that --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- you talked about with my colleague, I
12 know we have asked you a lot of questions. I just
13 want to have you explain.

14 When you say there -- you wrote the
15 statement "based on the bare facts I was given,"
16 exactly what were the bare facts that you were
17 given?

18 A. So, to the best of my recollection, when
19 I spoke to Emin, he said to me: I would like you
20 to set up a meeting. A Russian attorney met with
21 my -- a well-connected Russian attorney met with
22 my dad in his office, and she appears to have or
23 seems to have damaging information on the
24 Democrats and its candidate, Hillary Clinton. And
25 I think it could be useful to the Trumps.

1 He talked about the Trumps rather than
2 the campaign.

3 And he would like us to get a meeting.

4 To me, that was it. That's when I
5 started pushing for more information.

6 But those would be the bare facts:
7 attorney, damaging information, Democrats, Hillary
8 Clinton.

9 Q. And when you say you started pushing,
10 what you exactly did you push for information on?

11 A. I said, well, who is this person? Tell
12 me. He said a Russian attorney. I said, well,
13 I'm probably going to be asked questions about
14 that. Well-connected.

15 Again, I don't say for third time, but I
16 say, well-connected to what, the power grid? And
17 Emin said, well-connected.

18 He and I had a kind of shorthand. I knew
19 when it was -- I could push all day and I wasn't
20 going to get an answer, so I stopped pushing on
21 that one.

22 And then I said, and this damaging
23 information? You know, I can't just send an email
24 that says damaging. What is it? Doesn't matter.
25 All you need to do is get the meeting. Ike will

1 coordinate. You don't even have to attend. You
2 just need to get the meeting.

3 Q. So that's all he would tell you about the
4 damaging information.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Was there no mention of documents?

7 A. No, despite what I say in my email.

8 MS. CLAFLIN: One quick question.

9 BY MS. CLAFLIN:

10 Q. We have seen a number of emails between
11 you and Rhona Graff.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. How did you come to be the go-between
14 between the Agalarovs and Rhona? Why didn't Emin
15 reach out himself or Mr. Agalarov?

16 A. I would like to answer that in two ways.

17 I -- I -- because I had been with Emin
18 when we came up with the idea for Miss Universe
19 happening in Moscow, he had nominated that I be
20 the point person in the U.S. on the creative side
21 to interact with the Miss Universe Organization
22 and with anything as it related to Trump as a co-
23 owner of it, Donald Trump. And Ike Kaveladze
24 would deal with the business and finance side of
25 it, and work closer with Aras Agalarov.

1 So because of that, I had many
2 interactions with Rhona Graff, on especially
3 Trump's visit to Moscow and, in fact, the
4 Agalarovs' visit to Las Vegas where the contract
5 was signed.

6 It was, you know, what time will he be
7 there? What time will he leave?

8 It was logistical a lot. I also had
9 become quite friendly with her, so I would always
10 -- you know, that kind of thing.

11 And the second thing that I really would
12 like to answer, many press have speculated that,
13 well, why would I, why wouldn't Aras pick up the
14 phone? Because he's a billionaire, and they don't
15 pick up phones. And the reason people like me
16 have jobs is because I'm the middle man. So if
17 somebody says no to a request, they're not saying
18 no to them. And that's the reason why.

19 Q. So in your understanding, do you know if
20 there were any instances in which either Aras or
21 Emin called directly or emailed directly, not
22 going through you?

23 A. I don't know that, but I believe it not
24 to be the case.

25 MS. SAWYER: And then just one housekeeping

1 matter. Are there any other responsive documents,
2 communications, materials, that have not been
3 provided in response to our requests?

4 MR. GAGE: You're asking me? We have done a
5 thorough search. I mean, we can -- we've done a
6 very thorough search.

7 MS. SAWYER: Okay.

8 MR. GAGE: We've given you what we've got,
9 including those audio files, for example.

10 MS. SAWYER: Okay. And if you could, again,
11 just see -- I mean, we did get a number of
12 communications between Mr. Kaveladze. Please do
13 check again for the message that he believes was
14 sent during the meeting on June 9th, and any
15 others.

16 And if you could also do the favor --
17 it's sometimes just hard, we understand, and we
18 appreciate you getting the documents to us. It's
19 hard to see where the dates -- and to make sure we
20 have the full messages for those texts.

21 If you could get us that information,
22 that would be helpful.

23 MR. GAGE: We will check again, and we will
24 do our best.

25 MS. SAWYER: Okay.

1 MR. PRIVOR: We appreciate your time.

2 MR. GAGE: And you should feel free to be in
3 touch.

4 MS. SAWYER: Yes.

5 MR. PRIVOR: We appreciate your time today.
6 We are going off the record at 3:25 -- back on
7 the record.

8 MR. FOSTER: I just have a couple questions.

9 MR. PRIVOR: Mr. Foster is going to take
10 over questioning.

11 BY MR. FOSTER:

12 Q. So if you can turn your attention to
13 Exhibit 26 again, I will pick up where my
14 colleague Heather left off here.

15 I am unclear. Is it possible for you to
16 go back and get the date of the messages on this
17 page?

18 A. Is it possible?

19 Q. Can you check your phone and get the date
20 off your phone?

21 A. Yes. I mean, I have checked my phone and
22 apparently when I screenshotted it, there was no
23 date, but I will check to see if there is a method
24 of getting the date, yes.

25 Q. If you still have that information, you

1 can go get the date and have your lawyer

2 communicate it to us.

3 A. Yes, I will send you whatever I have on
4 the phone, absolutely.

5 Q. Thank you.

6 So again, turning your attention to the
7 first page of that exhibit, you say to Emin: I
8 made sure to keep you and your father out of this
9 story, and they just used my word acquaintance.
10 The lawyers accepted we were just acquaintances.

11 So who is the "we" in the we were just
12 acquaintances?

13 A. Myself and Don Jr., because it's not
14 lawyers. As I was saying, I believe it's an error
15 in writing. It's journalists accept that we were
16 the acquaintances, when Don I think had even said
17 an acquaintance sent him the email.

18 I'm saying there they accept that we are
19 acquaintances.

20 Q. Right. And in the previous message, you
21 said, they just used my word "acquaintance."

22 A. Right.

23 Q. And you put that in quotes.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. So why were you anxious to characterize

1 your relationship with Don Jr. as just
2 acquaintances, as opposed to something else?

3 A. I don't know. I don't know.

4 Q. And just so I understand your testimony
5 about the next text in reference to lawyers, are
6 you saying that you were not having communications
7 with Don Jr.'s lawyers around this time, that this
8 wasn't a reference to your trying to convince Don
9 Jr.'s lawyers that you and Don Jr. were just
10 acquaintances?

11 A. I believe I never had that conversation
12 with his lawyers, no.

13 Q. Are you and Don Jr. more than just
14 acquaintances?

15 A. No. As I say, at best, we are
16 acquaintances. Based on the number of
17 interactions we have ever had, we are, at best,
18 acquaintances.

19 MR. FOSTER: I don't have anything else.
20 Thanks.

21 BY MS. SAWYER:

22 Q. Well, just to follow up on that, Emin
23 responds to you and says awesome.

24 Why would that be awesome for him to have
25 you portray your relationship with the Trumps as

1 just acquaintances?

2 A. I don't know. I mean, it's his word. I
3 don't know.

4 Q. And you didn't ask him?

5 A. Apparently not.

6 BY MR. FOSTER:

7 Q. Do you have any financial relationship
8 with the Trumps or with Don Jr.?

9 A. Financial relationships, no.

10 Q. He has never paid you?

11 A. Don Jr., no.

12 Q. You never paid him?

13 A. No.

14 MR. PRIVOR: Thank you for your time today.

15 We will go off the record. It is 3:30.

16 [Whereupon, the proceedings were adjourned
17 at 3:30 p.m.]

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